PRESIDENT: Nobody having got up in his place to oppose it, I took it that leave was granted. If the formality has to be gone through, I have no objection.

The question was put and leave was granted.

VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

DEMAND I—EDUCATION.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I— Education.

Motion No. 1

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery cum Peermade II*): Sir I move to omit the allotment of Rs. 3,600 for Personal Assistant.

എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻഡയറക്ടരുടെ പേർസനൽ അസിസ്റ്റൻറിന് അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന നൂറ്റിമുപ്പത്തിരണ്ടു രൂപായും കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതെന്നുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസഡയറക്ടക്ക് മുമ്പ് ഡയറക്ടരുടെ ശമ്പളമാണ് കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നത്. ആസ്ഥിതിക്ക് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് ഒരു പേർസനൽ അസിസ്റ്റൻറിനെക്കൂടി കൊടുക്കേണ്ട യാതൊരാവശ്യവുമില്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ നാലു ഡിവിഷൻ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടന്മാരെയാണ് തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ട്ടെക്കുള്ള പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളെ പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിനായി നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. ആസ്ഥിതിക്ക് വണ്ണാക്കുലർ മിഡിൽസ്കൂളിലും ഇംഗ്ലീഷ്സ്കൂളിലുംഉള്ള അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാരെ പരിക്കുന്നതിനും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിനുമുള്ള അധികാരം ഇന്നത്തെ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാക്ക് കൊടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് യാതൊരു തരക്കേടുമില്ല. മലയാളഭാഷാജ്ഞാനം ലേശവും ഇല്ലാത്ത ആളുകളെയാണ് നമുക്ക് ഡയറക്ടന്മാരായി ലഭിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്. അതുകൊണ്ട് മലയാളഭാഷക്ക് സാരമായ ദോഷം ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്. തമിഴ്ഭാഷക്കും അതുപോലെതന്നെ. മലയാളഭാഷാപരിജ്ഞാനമുള്ള ഒരു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറെ എടുത്ത ഡയറക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസിൽ വച്ചാൽ ജോലിനടപ്പിന് വളരെ സൌകര്യമായി തീരുമെന്ന് പറയുന്നു. അതിന് ഒരു സീനിയർ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറെ നിയമിച്ചാൽ കൊള്ളാമെന്ന് ചില സ്നേഹിതന്മാർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. എന്നാൽ മലയാളഭാഷ അറിയാവുന്നവരെത്തന്നെ മലയാളം ശാഖയെ പരിശോധിച്ചാൽ അതു നന്നായിരിക്കും. ഡയറക്ടരുടെ ജോലിനടത്തിപ്പിന് തടസ്സവും ഉണ്ടാവുകയില്ല. ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്സിനെ പേർസനൽ അസിസ്റ്റൻറാക്കി ഡിപ്പുട്ടിഡയറക്ടർ ഇല്ലാതെപോയ സങ്കടത്തിന് പരിഹാരവും ഉണ്ടാകും. ഒരു ഡിപ്പുട്ടിഡയറക്ടറെ കൊണ്ടുള്ള കൊണ്ട് തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനുള്ള ലാഭം ഏകദേശം രൂപാ

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[Mr. R. Raman Pillai.]

മാത്രമാണ . അതുകൊണ്ട് ആ എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറിനെ ഇല്ലാതാക്കിയാൽ ൻ ഠ ഠ -രൂപാ ലാഭംകിട്ടും. ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൻെറകാര്യക്ഷമത പൊതുവെ നന്നായിരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും. അതിനാൽ പേർസനൽ അസിസ്റ്റൻറിനെ എടുത്തുകളയണമെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അസംബ്ലിയുടെ പര്യാലോചനക്കായി സമർപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Sir, in suppoting this motion and demanding the omission of Rs. 3,600 for Personal Assistant, what I have to say is not to share with the arguments of Mr. Raman Pillai. I may at the very outset say that I quite disagree with him in his arguments for the omission of this allotment. His position is that there should not be a Personal Assistant on the salary provided for in the budget and that one of the Inspectors may be placed in his stead. My point is that this appointment is superfluous. I will point out, Sir, that, even in those days when there were no additional posts such as the Financial Assistant and other places such as Superintendents for strengthening the staff of the Director's office, this post of the Personal Assistant was not absolutely necessary. Last year, during the budget session when seconding a motion relating to this, that is, a motion which said that the Personal Assistant to the Director should not be kept in his office for a long time, I said :—

> "One main objection to a Personal Assistant being allowed to remain in office for more than five or six years is that an outsider who comes as Director is constantly in close touch with the Personal Assistant and, especially, when there is a Manager in the Office, almost all routine business is looked after by the Manager and the Personal Assistant gets good leisure to have frequent and close affinity with the head of the department.
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> "One main objection that I would urge is that a teacher or headmaster who is junior to many of the headmasters will have as his ulterior motive, the stepping into the place of other headmasters and he gets better opportunities to come into close contract with the Director."

Sir, we have from practical experience found that what we members have prophesied come out to be generally true. Since this observation, Sir, one of the junior officers who was a Personal Assistant to the present Director has been unduly promoted over the heads of some of the senior officers. In reply to one of my interpellations yesterday, it was stated by the Director that one of the senior officers was unfit for the place. But that very same gentleman has been now entertained as Inspector in the leave vacancy created by Mr. Krishnan Nambiar. Sir, if we should view the position taken by the Director aright, it should either be that for favouring one of his favourites he has alleged a serious defect *viz.*, inefficiency in a senior officer or that once he has provided for the junior officer in his favour he does not look to the efficiency of the department. So I would say that the position taken by the Director yesterday when he replied to my interpellations

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was not correct and that it did not come out of genuine conviction. Sir, now there is, as I said before, a Financial Assistant to look after the financial requirements of the head office. And the Manager and the Personal Assistant are relieved of a good lot of the work in the department, the strengthening of which was advocated because it was stated that the department is spending nearly half a crore of rupees annually. But that argument has no weight in the face of the fact that that work has been left to the care of a special officer. There is a manager on Rs. 120—175 to look after all routine business. Then we have to consider the fact that there is the inspecting staff which has been strengthened. Before the reorganisation, we had only an Inspector for English Schools, an Inspector for Vernacular Schools and an Inspectress for Girls' Schools. Now these have been strengthened by four Divisional Inspectors and an Inspectress. So the inspection work can be properly done and the Director has, we should think, entrusted it to proper men. So the Director's work is confined to a general supervision of the work done by the Inspectors whom he himself has chosen.

As to the question whether all these Inspectors are necessary or their jurisdiction is properly assigned, I will point out later on but not when speaking on in this motion. I can only say that if the Director can concentrate on his work, he can do the work in the office as well as attend to the work of general inspection very efficiently. We know that one of the former Directors, I mean, the predecessor of Mr.—Statham, Mr. Rangaswami Aiyangar — was doing more inspection work than any Director. He visited schools even in far-off corners where no Director had ever gone. His zeal for the work was responsible for enabling him to find time for it more than any other Director. If the Director takes to the work keenly, he will be able to look to all the work and that more efficiently than, by sharing it with others. The Personal Assistant should not be an intermediary to judge the merits of the Director's subordinates in any way. For all these reasons, I think that this office of the Personal Assistant is absolutely unnecessary, especially in these days of economic depression, when we want money for other useful purposes.

PRESIDENT: Before I call upon the next speaker I venture to draw the attention of the House to the programme which I had laid out on the opening day of this Session as regards the time allowed to proposers and seconders of motions. In view of the fact that there are a large number of motions, I do appeal to the members to carry out the rules that I have already laid down, as far as possible. The honourable members will remember that the proposer has got ten minutes, while the seconder has only five.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Sir, my object in tabling a similar motion is to impress upon the Government the necessity for abolishing the Personal Assistant's post and creating in its place another occupied by a more responsible and more highly paid

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officer and my reasons are these. Before the Education Committee's report was received by the Government and accepted and acted upon by them, the affairs of the Director's office were being managed by three officers—the Director, his Personal Assistant and the Manager. In regard to matters that directly concerned schools and teachers employed in schools, there were three officers who were better paid than the Personal Assistant and the Manager. I refer to the Vernacular Inspector of Schools, the English Inspector of Schools and the Inspectress of Schools. These were the three officers who were practically responsible for the transfer and appointment of teachers, for the issue of grant-in-aid to the various institutions and various other departmental matters relating to the institutions; and the Director had the power or the duty only to supervise in a general manner the work of these officers. For that purpose, there were allowed two officers, the Personal Assistant and the Manager in carrying on the work. If Government had accepted this scheme, far-reaching savings could have been effected in the Education Department. The three officers that I have just mentioned were practically in charge of the three sections of the Education Department so far as it relates to the entire Travancore State. These three posts were abolished and in their place there is only one place that is left and that is the post of the Director of Public Instruction. There is no other post created for the purpose of attending to these matters, which affect the State in its entirety. No doubt, there are four Division Inspectors created. These officers deal with matters that arise in their respective divisions in regard to the appointments and transfers of teachers, allotment of funds for the various grant-in-aid institutions and for the purpose of generally carrying out all the educational policy. The Director has now become solely responsible; but in the past there was the Deputy Director. By a general G. O. the Government have abolished the post of the Deputy Director while they allowed to retain all the re-organisation schemes which the Director and the Education Board had recommended. For the purpose of carrying on these schemes, it is not enough if one only is at the post. Some Honourable members said that an officer getting Rs. 3,000 must find time as big as his salary. The time or capacity to attend to these things does not depend upon the sum of rupees that a man receives. It depends upon the volume of work. In regard to these matters, it is not safe to entrust them to a junior officer of the status of a Personal Assistant. Under this motion I would bring to the attention of the Government the great danger that would be brought to the Education Department of the State in allowing these manifold duties to be attended to by the Director personally with the assistance of a junior officer like the Personal Assistant. I would rather say that the question of the appointment of the Personal Assistant should be done away with in order that we may have an officer of a higher status. It should not be the policy that, whatever dangers might arise to the educational system in Travancore, we may have at

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least the saving of a few rupees. In order to prevent that, my suggestion is that the Personal Assistant's post should be abolished and that the post of another officer on a better pay should be created. I advocate this in the interests of the people in the State so far as education is concerned.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know from the member what the member would recommend as the pay of the officer?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): I leave it entirely in the hands of the Government. I am not concerned with the pay of the officer. What I am concerned with is the status of the officer. The only thing that I want is that an officer to whom matters of importance are delegated should be an officer of higher status.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): According to the member, what should be the pay of the Personal Assistant?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): I am not going to accept that post. I am not in a position to say whether one pay would be sufficient or would not be sufficient. It depends upon the choice of Government and the decision that they may arrive at. I am not concerned with it. The only thing that matters to me is that the person appointed should be of a better status and should exercise greater power and that he must be paid better. If he is prepared to accept a lower pay, I have absolutely no objection.

PRESIDENT: Your time is up.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member———

PRESIDENT: The member cannot ask a question when the other member is not in possession of the House.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Sir, I oppose the motion. We all know that the suggestions which Messrs. Raman Pillai and Krishna Pillai wanted to bring to the notice of the Government were that, with the introduction of the various reforms on the lines of the Committee's Report, the work in the central office of educational administration has swelled considerably and that some place superior in status to that of the P. A. should be created and that a higher offfcer than the present Personal Assistant is necessary to deal with the increased volume of work.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): May I correct the member? I did not admit the necessity.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Sir, when Mr. Raman Pillai suggested that the Inspectress of Schools who is getting the highest pay among the Inspectors may with advantage be taken to the Director's office for attending to the duties of the Personal Assistant, I thought that he was prepared to make that suggestion. Anyhow there appears to be some misconception about the items of work now allotted under the Reforms Scheme to the various offices created newly. For instance

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as regards the Financial Assistant, it is clearly stated in the recommendation that such a post is created in the Director's office simply to avoid the huge wastage of money that is detected by the Committee as a result of their investigations. It is a department which spends one-fourth of the receipts of the State and I may say that the Government have also completely agreed with the framers of the report that such a post was highly necessary in view of the magnitude of the amount for the Department. My view with regard to the strengthening of the Inspectorate is that till now we were having two all powerful Inspectors, that is, Inspectors having jurisdiction throughout the State with regard to the English and Vernacular Schools. We have done away with them and in their places created Divisional Inspectors with their respective divisions and so the more important items of work that were being attended to by these All—Travancore Inspectors necessarily go to swell the work in the central office. In view of the very important fact that we are strengthening the Inspectorate by the creation of Divisional Inspectors, there should be somebody in the central office to help the Director in the discharge of his duties.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether the work in the central office increases in proportion to the number of schools or in proportion to the Divisional Inspectors?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Sir, my position is this. Many items of more important work that are of a general comprehensive character that were done by these Inspectors have fallen to the lot of the Director and his office. That has nothing to do with the increase in the number of schools or anything like that. It is certainly true that we are passing through a time of financial stringency. But it is all the more the reason that every pie that is allotted to the department should be more usefully spent. This House was disposed to concede all this. Even last year when the desirability of creating these posts was discussed in this House, we pointed out that every pie that is spent on this Department should be made as useful as possible to the taxpayer and that, as such, such a post is necessary.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether he is of the opinion that the Deputy Director may be reinstated?

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Sir, the motion before the House has been brought by Messrs. Raman Pillai, Elenkath and S. Krishna Pillai with the best of intentions, *i. e.*, for effecting retrenchment without sacrificing efficiency. I would ask them to refer to page 32 of the Education Committee's Report wherein it is stated :—

> "The reduction, or the maintenance on an inadequate basis, of the directing and supervising staff, is a penny-wise-pound-foolish policy. A small increase in recurring expenditure on supplying an adequate headquarters and inspecting staff will, by increasing supervision and efficiency, save far larger sums of money to Government than the actual annual cost of the increased staff".

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Sir, the percentage of total Government expenditure spent on direction and inspection in Travancore is low when compared with other States. In Madras it is 7·4, Bombay 6·1, Hyderabad 5·7, Mysore 7·4, Cochin 4·2 and Travancore 4·1. The Education Committee which was appointed in 1932, has recommended to effect the retrenchment in education expenditure and Mr. Statham, who was the chairman of the committee, has submitted his report after six months, that is, in June 1933. Government had to spend about Rs. 21,000 for the Committee and the Report was submitted to this House; and in the general discussion we had ample time to suggest further recommendations or to make alterations in the original recommendations. An advisory committee was also appointed by the Government to help Mr. Statham in that direction. It is only ten months since that some of the recommendations have been given effect to and Government have taken only a portion of the Report under consideration; and as a result of our agitation to abolish the post of the Deputy Director, Government have accepted it. According to me, the Personal Assistant is quite necessary. There are four Divisional Inspectors who are assisted by 32 Assistant Inspectors. Work in the head office must necessarily be very heavy and the Manager as well as the Personal Assistant may be required by the Director to help him in the immediate discharge of his business in the office. Before, there were Personal Assistants to the Chief Inspectors of English and Vernacular Schools and also to the Inspectress of Schools. That was abolished. Instead of two Personal Assistants who were in the grade of 125-175, we have one in the scale of Rs. 200 to 300 which is quite acceptable. As regards the Personal Assistant who is doing the work, he is also quite necessary. Mr. Statham is one of the most hard-working officers among the Heads of Departments. Whenever we go to the office, we find him in the office itself and sometimes he does not take holidays even on Sundays. With these words, I oppose the motion before the House.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Sir, I rise to oppose Mr. Raman Pillai's motion. I recognise that there is considerable force in the arguments advanced by Mr. S. Krishna Pillai in respect of the motion. I recognise, and I assure the House will recognise, that we are spending about Rs. 50 lakhs a year on Education and we have been spending that for a very long time. I do not propose to examine the question whether Mr. Statham is industrious or not, for the obvious reason that it is wrong on principle either to congratulate or patronise or to condemn an officer. I am not concerned with personalities. That Mr. Statham is a man of very industrious habits, very hard-working and a very efficient officer, that is not a matter for me to argue. Sir, I propose to rest it on another basis altogether. We have been conversant with the benefits of division of labour in all matters. I have not forgotten the case of a good Ruler, Philip II of Spain, who was industrious. A great historian said that his industry was that of a clerk and not of a Ruler. I do not want Mr. Statham or his successors make themselves subject to such criticisms from anybody.

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[Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai.]

The Director of Public Instruction has very heavy work to do. He must have help. It will be impossible for him to look after all the institutions in detail; and if he does so, or if any Director proposes to do so, he is bound to become useless as a Director. Apart from being that, I say, the Director, whoever be the person, should have an assistant in his office. This House was against the appointment of a Deputy Director on a very high pay. Government abolished that post. At the same time, Government have proposals to give assistance to the Director. I wish to impress upon the House the fact that, for a long time, the Personal Assistants, who were in the office, have not been able to do much in the way of shaping educational policies or to do anything for the encouragement of Malayalam literature or Tamil literature, the cause of which is very important in a country like Travancore. So that, Sir, if the Director is relieved of some work of this nature of looking after the details of significant and insignificant matters, if he is allowed to look into questions of policy for the whole department, to shape the different provinces of education in a proper manner, that must be to the advantage of the country.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether in other Departments such as the Land Revenue, where there is only one Head, they are not efficiently managing the affairs because they are not having Personal Assistants?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): To my mind that question does not arise as an analogy and therefore I do not propose to answer it.

One point I wish to impress upon the Government. Whether it is a Deputy Director or a Personal Assistant who is in the Director's Office, he must be a man who knows things, who can understand the wants of the Department and should not be one who cannot understand Malayalam or Tamil literature. Some kind of office experience will be good.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha cum Devicolam*): Is there such an officer in the State?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Whether there is such an officer in the State or not is a matter for examination.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Will the member definitely state whether he wants a Personal Assistant or a Deputy Director?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): I am not here to answer all questions. The object of language is to explain, and the language which I use, I think, is quite clear.

However because Mr. Narayana Pillai has some difficulty, I would explain. My point is this. There must be somebody in the office to help the Director. He may be a Personal Assistant or a Deputy Director.

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MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilananko*d) : What designation would you give to that officer ?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum —Urban*) : There is the Government to say that.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : What is the member's view of the matter ?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : I am not prepared to say.

PRESIDENT : You can't move him to answer. Leave him alone.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : In the whole course of my public life, I have not taken up any personal matter. I have no person in my mind and I am really sorry that members of this House are putting questions of this nature, while others are attempting to develop this point. My point is this. The person who is there must be able to do a good deal of office work and must be able to understand what relevant things are and what irrelevant things are. He must be a person who knows the country and must be one who loves education for its own sake. It is not for me to suggest a name. Therefore I wish only to impress upon the House the necessity of placing a proper man there. Whether he is a Personal Assistant or a Deputy Director is a question for Government. Therefore I oppose Mr. Raman Pillai's motion.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Sir, I wish to speak a few words on this motion. The simple question before the House is whether, now that the Inspectorate reform has been accomplished, there is found to be the necessity, a great necessity of a co-ordinating officer, call him by any name, call him either Personal Assistant or Deputy Director or Superintendent or any other name which Government may easily find out but the only question is whether there is the necessity of a co-ordinating officer. If you admit that there is necessity of a co-ordinating officer, to leave a highly-paid officer like the Director to concentrate upon broad policies rather than routine work, if such a contention is admitted, I think there is the necessity of a co-ordinating officer other than the Director. If that is admitted, it does not at all matter by what name you call him. It is also necessary to point out in that connection whether that officer can be a petty officer as the Personal Assistant that used to be in his office or whether he should be a more responsible officer who may be trusted for something to be done fairly and not to the discredit of the department. That is a simple question. Well, Sir, I for one think that that officer who is to be entrusted with certain responsibilities, grave and serious responsibilities with regard to the administration of the department, to attend to routine administration, it would be good for the department, it would be good to the people at large. It will be good to the Education Department particularly if we put a man who can be expected to discharge his duties more responsibly, who will be more free from influences. If a Personal Assistant is allowed, he will be compelled

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[Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.]

to be charged with a lot of routine work and this House will be echoing with the complaints of such an officer not in the very distant future. A Personal Assistant on the present grade with a lot of responsibilities will be a source for immense complaint, immense corruption and immense mis-utilisation of patronage. If it is so, I urge upon Government that, if there is the necessity of a co-ordinating officer other than the Director with regard to the routine work in the administration of the Department, I am emphatically of opinion that he must be a person higher in rank than the Personal Assistant. He need not be a person who draws a very high pay, as high a pay as the Director or the Deputy Director.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether he is for omitting the grant?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): No.

MR. K. C. ABRAHAM (*Kottayam II*): Sir, I oppose the motion with a few words. A few months ago, when the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee were placed before this House, I think no one was more insistent than Mr. Statham himself for a Deputy Director; and this House, though it was well convinced then as now of the ability and capacity and enduring power of Mr. Statham, voted down that proposal and said no Deputy Director was needed for the Department. I believe that consistence may sometimes be cried down as the bane of little minds; but nevertheless it has virtues, and it seems to me that no new conditions have been superimposed on the Education Department of the State, in order to necessitate the appointment of another officer like the Deputy Director. Now the cry is made that we want an officer of a status higher than that of a Personal Assistant and less than the Director himself. No name is proposed to that officer. He is being described as a co-ordinating officer by some gentlemen and by others as a person not only to assist the Director in the routine work of the Director's Office but to be something like a helping hand in the shaping of the broad policy in the Department. All that I wish to say is that we must be consistent and we must be prepared to say that a spade is a spade always. In view of the capacity, efficiency and all that which we attribute to the Director, we were not prepared to vote for a Deputy Director then. No further conditions have, according to our view, been superimposed upon the Education Department of the State, just now to necessitate that appointment once again except it be for some consideration which the members are not prepared to vouchsafe to us. Therefore my submission is, in conformity with the policy which we enunciated some time ago, in keeping with the necessities of the Department, that we have to put down the Deputy Director-ship, as a few months ago we put it down. [Mr. K. R. Elankath : *Hear, hear*). According to the scheme before us, there is a Personal Assistant and I can well understand why that that Personal Assistant cannot now be allowed to go on assisting the Director in matters of departmental control. It was urged that there was so

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much volume of routine work that the Director cannot properly get through. I think the Personal Assistant is looking to routine work and thereby assisting the Director; and the Director must look to the broad policies of the Department himself. The Personal Assistant is assisting him in routine work and I think he may be allowed to continue.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not think, Sir, there is need for a lengthy reply. I oppose the motion to omit the provision for the salary of the Personal Assistant. In doing so, I would just like to appeal to the members of the House who have supported the motion and ask them to realise that the work in the Education Department, whether you compare it with the Education Department outside the State or with other Departments inside the State, is very large indeed. I mean no reflection on my colleagues in the Government in other Departments, when I say that it is not fair to compare the Head Office staff of the Education Department with that of the Head Office staff of other Departments. The Education Department is dealing with nearly 4,000 institutions and with nearly 10,000 departmental subordinates. The Education Department is an exceptionally large department. Of necessity, routine matters must be very heavy especially at a time when large questions of policy are engaging the attention of the Department, particularly those arising out of the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): What is the work of the Manager other than routine work?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I will deal with that question on the next motion.

The Education Department, some members may be surprised to hear, has over 9,000 departmental subordinates.

I do not believe that, even in a large province like Madras, there are over 9,000 subordinates working under the Director of Public Instruction and the House can very well imagine the immense routine work that arises merely on account of the personnel. There are 3,800 educational institutions under the Department. And, as was pointed out in the Education Reforms Committee's Report, the Head Office of the Education Department of Mysore has 5 officers to assist the Director, over and above a Manager and the Superintendents, and over and above two Divisional Deputy Directors, working over and above District Educational Officers and Assistant Inspectors. The State of Hyderabad, again, has 4 Assistants under the Director, over and above an Office Manager and Superintendents. I may add that the total number of children under instruction in Travancore is larger than in the two States of Hyderabad and Mysore put together I think there is very good reason for retaining the post of Personal Assistant in such a very large and important Department with a budget allotment of over Rs. 47 lakhs. I therefore oppose the motion.

The motion was put to vote and lost.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I demand a poll.

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PRESIDENT : All right; we shall spend some time after the heat of the discussion.

A poll was taken and the House divided as follows:—

AYES.—2.

1 Mr. K. R. Elenkath.
2 Mr. R. Raman Pillai.

NOES.—42.

1 Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib
2 ,, K. C. Abraham
3 ,, T. K. Alexander
4 ,, V. T. Chacko
5 ,, S. Chattanatha Karayalar
6 ,, E. H. Francis
7 ,, Antony George
8 ,, K. George
9 Miss Hepzibah Gnanasikamony
10 Mr. M. Mahomed Haneef
11 ,, T. S. Jayantan Nambootiri
12 ,, N. John Joseph
13 ,, J. M. Joseph
14 ,, K. C. Karunakaran
15 ,, T. T. Kesavan Sastri
16 ,, K. M. Krishnan
17 ,, K. P. Krishna Menon
18 ,, E. V. Krishna Pillai
19 ,, N. K. Krishna Pillai
20 Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
21 Mr. C. V. Kunjuraman
22 Mr. E. K. Kunjuraman
23 ,, K. M. Kuriakose
24 ,, C. O. Madhavan
25 ,, K. Madhavan
26 ,, K. Mahomed
27 ,, K. A. Narayana Pillai
28 ,, Pacode A. Narayana Pillai
29 Srimati T. Narayani Amma
30 Mr. G. Nilakantan
31 ,, R. Nilakanta Pillai
32 ,, K. Padmanabhan
33 ,, N. K. Padmanabha Pillai
34 Rao Sahib S. Paramesvara Aiyar
35 Mr. Kayalam Paramesvan Pillai
36 Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar
37 Mr. K. Sankaran
38 ,, R. M. Statham
39 ,, T. C. Thommen
40 ,, G. B. E. Truscott
41 ,, N. E. Varughese
42 ,, T. K. Velu Pillai

NEUTRALS—24.

1 Mr. P. Chidambaram Pillai
2 ,, A. S. Damodaran Asan
3 ,, A. Easwara Pillai (*Kalkulam II*)
5 ,, A. Easwara Pillai (*Kottarakara*)
5 ,, S. J. Nair
6 ,, T. C. Joseph
7 ,, Pottayil S. Krishna Panickar
8 ,, Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai
9 ,, T. Krishna Pillai
10 ,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
11 ,, M. K. Madhavan Pillai
12 ,, M. N. Nair
13 Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai
14 ,, Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon
15 ,, Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai
16 ,, Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai
17 ,, V. Ramakrishna Panickar
18 ,, R. Sambasiva Aiyar
19 ,, M. Sivatanu Pillai
20 ,, A. Thanu Pillai
21 ,, S. Thiraviam Nadar
22 ,, P. K. Thomas
23 ,, V. K. Velappan Nair
24 ,, T. P. Velayudhan Pillai

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The motion was declared lost.

PRESIDENT : Before I proceed to take up the next motion, I would invite the attention of the Honourable members of this House to a new machine which has been installed on the President's table —I refer to the bell, for the purpose of saving the lungs of the President for better purposes. (*Laughter.*) It has been considered advisable to instal this little machine on the table so that, when any member who is speaking is about to exhaust his time, the bell will ring. That merely gives him the warning that he is nearing the danger point. (*Laughter.*) And, after a reasonable interval, the Chair will ring the bell a second time. That means that the Honourable member, who is speaking, must resume his seat. There is no appeal against the decision of the bell. (*Laughter.*)

Motions Nos. 2 and 3.

The following motions were not moved :—

MR. K. R. ELENKATH :

2. To omit the allotment of Rs. 3,600 for Personal Assistant.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI :

3. To omit the allotment of Rs. 3,600 for Personal Assistant.

Motion No. 4.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : Sir, I beg to make the following motion :

To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,100 for Manager.

My object in tabling this motion is to urge upon the attention of the Government that the post of Manager is not necessary for the office of the Director of Public Instruction, and that it can, with advantage, be abolished. In the light of the discussion on the previous motion, I submit, my position has been made stronger. The post of Manager was created at a time when the Director had no Personal Assistant. It was urged, during the debate under the previous motion, that there was need for an officer of higher status than even the Personal Assistant to assist the Director. Now, the post of a Financial Assistant has also been created to assist the Director. He is also an officer of high status drawing a salary of about Rs. 200. There are also four or five Superintendents in the office. In addition to all these, there is no need for a Manager on a salary of Rs. 175. That is my humble submission. These are hard times, Sir, and Government will do well to abolish this post which does not seem to be very necessary. After all, what are the functions that are being discharged by this Manager ? He opens covers received in the office, and sends them up to the Director and, after receiving them back, distributes them among the various sections. I know he is also attending to the visitors who want to see the Director and fixes up interviews. And, evidently because he has no work, he is entrusted with two minor sections dealing with typing, registering and despatching of communications. I submit, Sir, these functions can conveniently be taken over by the Personal Assistant or the Financial Assistant or both combined. My submission is that, in view of the hard

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times, it should be the earnest endeavour of the Government as well as of the Heads of Departments to abolish all unnecessary posts and to retain only such as are absolutely indispensable. I submit that the Manager's post is not necessary for the office of the Director of Public Instruction, and can conveniently be abolished.

With these words, I commend the motion for the acceptance of the House.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I ask whether, on account of the reorganisation in the Department, the work of the Head Office has not increased ?

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : The work has, no doubt, slightly increased ; but the number of officers also has increased.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Has there been only *slight* increase ?

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : There has been only slight increase.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : I agree with all that has been stated by my predecessor. He is quite right. There is a Personal Assistant to the Director, about whose functions we have heard enough under the last motion. It will be very easy for him, if necessary with the help of one or two clerks, to receive letters and distribute them among the various sections. The Manager's only function seems to be to act as a transmitting agency between the Personal Assistant and the Director or the clerks in the office. For this purpose, certainly we do not want an officer on the comparatively high salary of Rs. 175, especially, as was emphasised by Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai, in these hard times.

Further, to put it frankly, the main objection to keeping high-paid persons in offices in the central office is that they put on airs and easily become agencies of oppression and corruption. Even in regard to the present incumbent, there has been a lot of complaint. Probably, a better person may be available and may be selected. But, whoever be the person, the high-sounding appellation that he is the 'Manager' of the Director's office creates an impression in the subordinates of the Department that he is in a position of vantage. Sir, certainly, we do not want to increase the number of such demi-gods in such head offices and allow them to carry on their depredation easily and as they like. Therefore, it is better to get rid of such fellows and arrange for the work being carried on more efficiently, as was suggested by the mover, by the Personal Assistant or by the Financial Assistant or clerks. Sir, what is it that we find in the Secretariat, the chief office of Government? The Chief Secretary has no Personal Assistant or Manager under him. His work is being done for him by a Superintendent. That is all. The Director also can manage with his Superintendents. He has also a Personal Assistant and a Financial Assistant. I therefore support the motion for the abolition of the post of Manager in the Director's office.

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MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery cum Peermade II*): എന്റെ മുൻഗാമി പ്രസ്ഥാവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതലായി എനിക്ക് ഒന്നുംതന്നെ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുവാനില്ല. ഞാൻ ആ അഭിപ്രായത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Sir, I oppose the motion to omit the allotment for the salary of the Manager. I do not think I need add very much to what I have already stated in my speech under the previous motion.

It must be obvious that the work of the office of the Director is very heavy. The Department is very large, and several members have spoken sympathetically about the need for the retention of the post of Personal Assistant in my office. The post of Personal Assistant does not, by any means, do away with the necessity for the post of Manager. I do not know whether Honourable members think that the post of Personal Assistant has only been just now created. That post has been there for many years along with the post of a Manager. Their functions are entirely different. Both are very necessary.

One question has been rightly raised in this discussion, namely, whether the work of the Department has not increased as a result of the reforms. Obviously, it has increased very much. The mere creation of the four Divisional Inepectors with their respective quarter jurisdictions has brought into the head office a large mass of routine which, formerly, never came to the head office. All questions of inter-divisional transfers, promotions, appointments, etc., of officers getting salary of Rs. 25 and more, have now to come to the head office, matters which, obviously, formerly, were under the Inspector of Vernacular Schools, the Inspector of English Schools and the Inspectress of Girls' Schools. Correspondence and other work has, therefore, very largely increased in the head office, even independent of new schemes on account of the Report of the Education Reforms Committee. The office of the Direct or now remains, in its staff, exactly as it was before any reorganisation took place, with the solitary exception of the appointment of a Financial Assistant, a post the necessity for which was recognised by all the Honorable members of this House. He is an officer lent by the Account Officer, with special technical qualification, with special functions, namely to do internal audit and to scrutinise the income and expenditure of the Department, to concentrate attention on the very large amounts of the Education Budget.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Has he full work ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Certainly, he has ; and it is getting fuller and fuller day by day.

Further, Sir, the Manager is not like the Financial Assistant or the Personal Assistant. He is not an officer assisting the Director in his work. He supervises the heavily worked office and is responsible per-

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sonally for expedition of work and for keeping the work current without arrears. That is very important work. The post of Manager is therefore absolutely necessary.

The motion was put to vote and lost.

Motions Nos. 5 and 6

The following motions were not moved :

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :

5. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,100 for Manager.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI :

6. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,100 for Manager.

Motion No. 7

PRESIDENT : I think the next item, Motion No. 7, is not in its proper place and should be ruled out. The obvious object of the member is to suggest that the Director should move the Government to reduce the fees in schools and colleges by 50 per cent. That can hardly fit in under the allotment of Rs. 8,480 for salaries. I would advise the honourable member concerned to shift the motion to its proper place. I shall have no objection to that being done.

I have got to make the same remark in regard to motions Nos. 8, 9 and 10. There also, the object of the members who have sent up the motions seems to be to suggest reduction of school and college fees under allotment relating to establishment. These motions also are not in their proper place and have to be ruled out. I shall have no objection to their being shifted on to their proper places.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Which is the proper place, Sir ?

PRESIDENT : The allotment for schools and colleges.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Motion No. 8 does not specify the object of the member.

PRESIDENT : I took it for granted that he also wants to deal with the reduction of school fees.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : My object in sending up the motion was entirely different.

PRESIDENT : I have made a special appeal to all members that they should be good enough to specify their objects.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : This motion of mine was sent up before that circular was received.

PRESIDENT : Then, I shall make an exception in your case and call upon you to make the motion.

Motion No. 8

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറിനത്തിലേക്കു ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്ന 8,000 രൂപായിൽ നിന്നും ഒരു രൂപാ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ അവ

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തരപ്പെടുത്തിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഒരു പ്രധാനസംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ഈ സഭയെ അറിയിക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ് ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപംകൊണ്ടു് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഹൈന്ദവരുടെ അനദ്ധ്യായദിവസങ്ങളിലും പലതിനേയും എഡുക്കേഷൻഡയറക്ടർ അപഹരിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. ഓരോ കാലങ്ങളിലായി ഹൈന്ദവരുടെ അവകാശങ്ങളെ ഹനിച്ചുവരുന്നക്രൂത്തിൽ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള ഏർപ്പാടാണു്. ഇപ്പോൾ ഒരു ഹൈന്ദവനായി ജീവിക്കാൻതന്നെ വളരെ ലജ്ജയായിരിക്കുന്നു. കറുത്തവാവു ദിവസം ഹിന്ദുക്കൾക്കു വളരെ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഒന്നാണു്. ആ ദിവസത്തെ ഇപ്പോൾ അനദ്ധ്യായദിവസമായി കരുതിക്രൂടാ എന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. നമ്മുടെ കൃസ്ത്യാനിസഹോദരർക്കു് അവർക്കുള്ള സകല അവകാശങ്ങളും കിട്ടിവരുന്നുണ്ടു്. അങ്ങനെ കിട്ടുന്നതുകൊണ്ടുള്ള അസൂയ നിമിത്തമല്ല അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്. അവരുടെ വേദപുസ്തകത്തിൽ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുന്നതു തങ്ങളെപ്പോലെതന്നെ തങ്ങളുടെ അയൽക്കാരനേയും സ്നേഹിക്കണമെന്നാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഹിന്ദുക്കൾക്കുള്ള അനദ്ധ്യായദിവസങ്ങളെ എടുത്തുകളയാതിരിക്കണമെന്നുമാത്രമേ എനിക്കഭിപ്രായമുള്ളു.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. I have tried to understand what the Honourable member has been speaking in Malayalam. He is trying to express his grievances on account of the cutting down of holidays. As I have already pointed out, that does not come under 'Establishment' ; for, it is not the poor establishment that is responsible for that. I rule the motion out of order on that ground, and the Honourable member will have to find out some other appropriate head under which he may bring the motion. I have no objection to admit it waiving the usual two days' notice.

Motions Nos. 9 and 10.

PRESIDENT : As I have pointed out already, motions Nos. 9 and 10 also are not in their proper places.

The following motions were not therefore moved.

MR. K. SANKARAN :

9 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,009 for establishment by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

10 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,009 for establishment by Re. 1.

Motion 11

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻ ഡയറക്ടർ അവർകളുടെ സഞ്ചാരപ്പടിയിനത്തിൽ ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്ന രൂ, ൦൦൦ രൂപായിൽനിന്നും ഒരു രൂപാകുറക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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[Mr. T. T. Kesavan Sastri.]

അധ്യക്ഷതക്കു എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ഇന്നുള്ളതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതലായി ഉദ്യോഗപരമായ സൗകര്യങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനേയും ഡയറക്ടരേയും ഉൽബോധിപ്പിക്കുവാനാണ് ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപംകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നതു്. മലയാളം, ഇംഗ്ലീഷ്, സംസ്കൃതം എന്നീ ഭാഷകളിൽ സാമാന്യവിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയും പരിചയവും സമ്പാദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള അധഃകൃതസമുദായാംഗങ്ങൾക്കു് എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും ഇപ്പോൾ ലഭിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗരീതി തീരെ പര്യാപ്തമല്ല. പബ്ലിക്ക് സർവീസിൽ ഇവരുടെ പ്രാതിനിധ്യവും കേവലം പിന്നോക്കമാണെന്നുള്ളതിനു് യാതൊരു സംശയവുമില്ല. പുലയർ, പറയർ മുതലായവർ—

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon 1*) : On a point of order, Sir. The member is discussing the necessity for the encouragement of Pulayas, Parayas and other depressed classes, in the matter of their education, under a motion for reducing T. A.

PRESIDENT : The Chair too had that doubt in its own mind. But, it occurred that, perhaps, from a far-fetched interpretation of the appropriateness of the motion, it might be suggested that, if the officers of the Department had toured properly, the needs of the depressed classes would have been met better (*Laughter.*) So, I wanted to give the member an opportunity to say what he has in his mind. After I have heard him more fully, I will give my ruling on the appropriateness of the motion under this head.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : ഇപ്പോൾ ഇംഗ്ലീഷിലും മലയാളത്തിലും സാമാന്യവിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയും സിദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ആളുകൾമാത്രമേ അധഃകൃതരുടെ കൂട്ടത്തിൽനിന്നും ഉദ്യോഗാർത്ഥികളായി മുൻപോട്ടുവരുന്നുള്ളൂ. മലയാളം ഏഴും ഒൻപതും ക്ലാസുകളിൽ ജയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള അപേക്ഷകരായ അധഃകൃതർ വളരെയുണ്ടെങ്കിലും സർക്കാർ സ്കൂളുകളിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ വളരെ ചെറിയ ഒരുസംഖ്യക്കുമാത്രമേ ഉദ്യോഗം ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി കാണുന്നുള്ളൂ. ഒരു വിഭാഗമായ ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് സ്കൂളുകളിൽ എങ്ങും അധഃകൃതവർഗ്ഗത്തിൽപ്പെട്ട ഒരൊറ സ്ത്രീക്കോ പുരുഷനോപോലും ഇതുവരെ പ്രവേശനമോ പ്രോത്സാഹനമോ കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ലെന്നുള്ളതു പരിതാപകരംതന്നെ. അധികാരമുള്ള ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ സന്നിധിയിൽചെന്നു് അധഃകൃതരുടെ ഉദ്യോഗസംബന്ധമായ കാര്യങ്ങളും സങ്കടങ്ങളും പറയുമ്പോൾ ഡയറക്ടരുടെ സന്നിധിയിൽചെന്ന ഈ വക സങ്കടങ്ങൾ അറിയിക്കണമെന്നു പറയുന്നപതിവു്

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സാധാരണമാണു്. ഡയറക്ടരോടു പറയുന്നതായാൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുടെ നിയമനാധികാരത്തെ കുറിച്ചുപറയും. ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറൽ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിനു് അധികാരികളുടെ ഈ സമാധാനങ്ങൾ ഏതുപ്രകാരമാണു് അധ്യക്തക്കു സഹായമായിത്തീരുന്നതെന്നറിയുന്നില്ല. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസരീതികൊണ്ടു ഇതരഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളിൽ കിട്ടിവരുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ ഉദ്യോഗസൌകര്യം എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽത്തന്നെ നാം കേണ്ടതാണെന്നുള്ള കാര്യമാണു് എനിക്കു പ്രധാനമായി ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ ധരിപ്പിക്കുവാനുള്ളതു്. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഡയറക്ടർ അധ്യക്തരുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസപരമായ കാര്യങ്ങളിലും അവക്കു ഫീസ് സൌജന്യം ചെയ്യുന്നകാര്യത്തിലും പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നില്ല. എന്നാൽ ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തിലുള്ള മനസ്സും ശ്രദ്ധയും നേരേയായികാണുന്നില്ല. അധ്യക്തരുടെ യഥാർത്ഥമായ അവശതകളെ നേരിട്ടു ഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നതിനു് അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു സൌകര്യം ലഭിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ദീനതകൾക്കനുസരണമായ സഹായങ്ങൾ ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കാതേയാണിരിക്കുന്നതു. ഇപ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറു ദാക്ഷിണ്യപൂർവ്വം ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഫീസു സൌജന്യവുംമറും മേലും തുടരണം പരീക്ഷാവിജയികളായ അധ്യക്തക്കു് എഡുക്കേഷൻഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ജോലിനൽകി സഹായിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്ന പക്ഷം അധ്യക്തവർഗ്ഗക്കാരുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസാസക്തിതന്നെ ക്രമേണ കുറഞ്ഞുപോകും. പഠിച്ചുജയിച്ചു മുന്നോട്ടുവരുന്നവരുടെ ഇടയിൽ അധികം തൊഴിലില്ലായ്മവന്നുകൂടുന്നതിനു കാരണമായിത്തീരുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതാണു്. അതിനാൽ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ്മേലധികാരികളുടേയും ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻറേയും ശ്രദ്ധ അധ്യക്തരുടെപേരിൽ വിശേഷം പതിഞ്ഞു ഫലപ്രദമായികാണണമെന്നുമാത്രമാണു ഞാൻ താല്പര്യപൂർവം പ്രസ്താവിക്കുന്നതു്.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I have heard the member at some length to be quite sure whether the indulgence which I allowed him is justifiable. I find he is entering into a general discussion of the educational policy of Government by claiming more appointments for this community or for that community. That is entirely out of order so far as this particular allotment is concerned.

Under the same head, there are also motions Nos. 12,13,14,15 and 16. Item No. 12 does not specify the object of the member. Of these five motions, No. 16 is for omitting the entire allotment for travelling allowance, and therefore will have precedence over the other motions. As it is already time for the House to adjourn for lunch, the House will take up motion No. 16 for discussion immediately after the House re-assembles.

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The House adjourned for lunch at 1 P. M. and re-assembled at 2 P. M. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Motion No. 16

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The House will proceed to Motion No. 16 "To omit the allotment of Rs. 3,000 for travelling allowances" by Mr. R. Raman Pillai.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery cum Peermade II*): I do not move.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Then Mr. Asan will move his motion.

Motion No. 15.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, I beg to make the following motion :—

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,000 *for travelling allowance by Rs.* 100."

My object in making this motion is to see that the expense for Travelling Allowances for the next year should not be more than what it was in the previous years. Until 1108, we find that it was only Rs. 2,000. In 1109 there was an expenditure of Rs. 2,500. In that year there was also a Deputy Director. I think that might be the reason for increasing the expenditure by Rs. 500. Anyhow the post of the Deputy Director has been abolished. In view of that fact, there is no necessity to sanction any amount more than what was spent during previous years. On that ground, I submit that so much amount should be reduced from the allotment of Rs. 3,000.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I second the motion brought forward by Mr. Damodaran Asan. In view of the fact that there are a larger number of Divisional Inspectors and in the absence of the Deputy Director, I do not find the necessity for such a big amount as Rs. 3,000 for the Director as Travelling Allowance. I strongly support the motion of Mr. Asan.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I oppose the motion. It is quite true that the post of the Deputy Director has been abolished and the amount of Rs. 2,500 was provided in the Budget at the time when there were the Deputy Director and the Financial Assistant. Now there is the Financial Assistant. He should go round and inspect the accounts of the various educational institutions and educational offices and for this purpose it is necessary that there should be a considerable allotment of Travelling Allowance apart from the amount that is set apart for the Director.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member whether the Financial Assistant has been going on tour this year and, if so, what was the expenditure this year for that purpose?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Financial Assistant has gone on tour this year. But I cannot give the exact amount. I think he has spent about Rs. 200 this year.

I oppose the motion.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Do you press your motion, Mr. Damodaran Asan ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : No, Sir.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 17.

The following motions were not moved.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI ;

12. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,000 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR :

13 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 10.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH :

14 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 3.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

17 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,200 for office expenses and miscellaneous by Rs. 800.

Motion No. 7.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Sir, I beg to submit that, when motion No. 7 in the previous page under the head of salaries came up for consideration, the President ruled that the motion could not be made under the head of salaries and I was asked to transfer to the appropriate head and make the motion under it. Now the appropriate head under which my motion can be moved has come and I request that I may be allowed to move it as directed by the President.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Yes, you may do so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Sir, I beg to make the following motion :—

"*To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 8,480 *for salaries by Re.* 1"

My object in making this motion is to urge upon the attention of the Director as well as the Government the necessity of giving some relief to the students who are anxious to proceed with their studies in these days of economic depression.

MR P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. There is an identical motion, No. 19, by Mr. S. Nilakanta Pillai. That is a cut for the reduction of Rs. 10. Mr. Asan's motion is only for the reduction of Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Sir, I beg to submit that does not matter.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Mr S. Nilakanta Pillai's motion is under 'Direction.' Mr. Asan can speak in the discussion under that motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Asan's motion was permitted to be made under the appropriate head.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : But there is a motion by Mr. Nilakanta Pillai. Mr. Asan's motion comes under that.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I submit, Sir, that, when my motion came up, the President said that that may be transferred and moved under the appropriate head. Now the appropriate head has come. According to the direction of the President, I have asked for permission and the Deputy President has allowed it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Whatever be the merits of the question, Mr. Asan's motion has been admitted and objections are taken only afterwards so that Mr. Asan may go on.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The students in schools and colleges as well as their guardians are very anxious to see that the former complete their studies. The Financial Secretary has also admitted in his Budget Speech that the present economic depression is unprecedented in its intensity, extent and duration. The income under the head of fees in 1108 was Rs. 7·6 lakhs and examination fee comes to Rs. 1·4 lakhs. So the total income under fees was about Rs. 9 lakhs. If we reduce the income by 50 per cent., it will come to about Rs. 4½ lakhs. But there is another item in which there will be a saving as a result of reducing school fees. On account of half-fee concession, the Government are incurring a loss of Rs. 2·16 lakhs. If the fees are reduced by 50%, the concession will be reduced to 25% and so the loss under that would come to only half of Rs. 2·16 lakhs. Thus the loss will be only Re. 1 lakh and odd. With regard to the examination charges also, the expenses come to Rs. 67,000. I think a reasonable reduction could be made in the remuneration given to the examiners; and so the total loss, according to me, is only Rs. 2½ lakhs. The students who are studying in the schools and who would be benefited by this reduction is more than a lakh. So, if the Government grant this concession, more than one lakh of students will be benefited and it is their anxiety to continue their studies that prompts them to ask for this concession. So, my submission is that it is the paramount duty of the Government to reduce the fees in schools and colleges by 50 per cent. I may be asked how the loss could be made up. For this purpose, I would suggest a reduction in the salaries of the officers of the Education Department.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Does the member think that it is fair to reduce the salary of officers in the Education Department alone?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When we come to the other Departments, I would suggest for the reduction of salaries of officers in those departments. If I make suggestions for the reduction of salaries of officers in the other departments under this Demand, I may be ruled out of order. The amount for this purpose could be made up by reducing the salaries of the officers of the Education Department. On these grounds, I submit this motion for the consideration of the House.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): സർ, മി. ആശാൻ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാനും ബലമായി അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് മി. ആശാൻ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതിൽ കൂടുതലായി ചിലകാര്യങ്ങൾമാത്രമേ ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ ഞാൻ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുന്നുള്ളൂ. ഗവണ്മെൻറു എപ്പോഴും ലാഭം മാത്രംനോക്കുന്ന കച്ചവടക്കാരന്റെ നിലയിൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുകൂടാ എന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. എല്ലാത്തരം സ്കൂളുകളിലും കാളേജുകളിലും ഉള്ള വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ ഫീസിനത്തിൽ ൫൦ ശതമാനം ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും ധർമ്മബുദ്ധിയോടു ഇളവുചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കാൻ വൈമുഖ്യം കാണിക്കുന്നതു അശേഷം ആശാസ്യമായിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു നയമല്ല. ഇത്രയും പണം ഉപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു ക്ലേശകരമല്ലാത്തമാർഗ്ഗവും സൌകര്യവും ആകസ്മികമായി ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വസ്തുത ഫിനാൻഷ്യൽസെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ നിന്നുതന്നെ വ്യക്തമാകുന്നുണ്ട്. അത്യന്താപേക്ഷിതമായ കാര്യങ്ങൾക്കായി വിനിയോഗിക്കുന്നതിനുസൌകര്യപ്പെടുത്തത്തക്കവണ്ണം അവിചാരിതമായി റെയിൽവെ സിങ്കിംഗ്ഫണ്ടിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുണ്ടായ വ്യവസ്ഥാഭേദത്താലോ അഥവാ വ്യാഖ്യാനഭേദത്താലോ മാറിമറിക്കുന്നതിനു ഇടയായ പ്രസ്തുതഫണ്ടിൽ ബാക്കിയുള്ളതു ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ പദ്ധതിഅനുസരിച്ച് പള്ളിവാസൽ ഹൈഡ്രോ ഇലക്ട്രിക്ക് സ്കീമിലേക്കു മുദ്രപതിച്ചുവച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണെന്ന് ആ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽനിന്നും കാണാവുന്നതാണ്. പൊതുജനങ്ങൾ ഉത്സാഹമായ കഷ്ടത അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന സംഗതികളിൽ ലാഭംമാത്രംനോക്കി ഗവണ്മെൻറു പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുകൂടാത്തതാണ്. വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ ഫീസ് അൻപതുശതമാനം കുറവുചെയ്യുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ നഷ്ടം, ഗവൺമെൻറിനു മുൻകണക്കനുസരിച്ചു നഷ്ടം വരാവുന്നതു്. ഞാൻ മുൻപു പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതുപോലെ മാറ്റിവച്ചിട്ടുള്ള റിസർവ്ഫണ്ടിൽ ഒരുഭാഗം ഒഴിച്ചുകൂടാത്ത അത്യാവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കായി ഈ ആപൽഘട്ടത്തിൽ വിനിയോഗിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. ആ സംഗതിയിൽ ഒരു കാര്യം പ്രത്യേകം ഓർക്കണം.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): പ്രൈവറ്റു കാളേജുകളുടേയും, ഹൈസ്കൂളുകളുടേയും ഫീസ്സ് ഇതേമാതിരി കുറക്കണമോ?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : അവിടെയും നിശ്ചയമായി കുറക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

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ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഒരുകാര്യം പ്രത്യേകമായി ആലോചിക്കേണ്ടതായിട്ടുണ്ട്. പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്ക് അത്യാവശ്യമെന്നു തോന്നുന്ന പലകാര്യങ്ങളിൽ പലതും സാമ്പത്തികാധഃപതനത്തിന്റെ ശമനംവരെ വേണമെങ്കിൽ മാറിവയ്ക്കുവാനുണ്ട്. ഉദാഹരണത്തിനായി പ്രസ്താവിക്കുന്നപക്ഷം ഒരു കെട്ടിടം പണിയണമെന്നുള്ള കാര്യമാണെങ്കിൽ സാമ്പത്തികാധഃപതനത്തിനു ശമനം സിദ്ധിക്കുന്നതുവരെ അതുമാറിവയ്ക്കാം. എന്നാൽ സാമ്പത്തികാധഃപതനം നീങ്ങുന്നതുവരെ കുട്ടികളുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം മാറിവയ്ക്കുവാൻ അശേഷം നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. സാമ്പത്തികാധഃപതനം നിമിത്തമായ ഈ കാലാവട്ടം ദീർഘമായാൽ ഉദ്ദേശം പൊയ്പോകുന്നതുവരെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നിറുത്തിവയ്ക്കുന്നപക്ഷം കുട്ടികൾ പ്രായമായി വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിനുള്ള കാലവും അതിനുള്ള ആസക്തിയും താനേ നിന്നും പൊയ്പോകുന്നു. തൽഫലം ഈ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് വിട്ടുപോയ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം തുടരുന്നതിനു പലേകാരണങ്ങളാൽ അപ്രാപ്യമായി ഭവിക്കുമെന്നുള്ളതു തീർച്ചയത്രെ. അതുകൊണ്ട് മറ്റു പ്രായോഗികതകളെയും അപേക്ഷിച്ച് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവിഷയത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് സാധ്യമായിടത്തോളം പൊതുജനങ്ങളെ സഹായിക്കണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ നിശ്ചിതമായ അഭിപ്രായം. പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു സ്വതേ ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന സാമ്പത്തികത്തിൽ അവർക്കു വേണ്ട സഹായസഹകരണങ്ങൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. ഈ വർഷത്തിൽ സർക്കാർ കണക്കിലുള്ള സംഖ്യയിൽ പന്ത്രണ്ടരശതമാനം ഇളവുചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കുകയും കണ്ടുകെട്ടിവച്ചുകളഞ്ഞ കരം പിന്നെക്കു നൂറു പണം വിലയിൽനിന്നു പന്ത്രണ്ടര പണം ഒഴിക്കുകയും നമ്മുടെ കൃഷിചെയ്യിട്ടുള്ള ഭൂമികൾക്കു പകുതിക്കരം എഴുതിപ്പടുവിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. പല വിഷയത്തിലും ധർമ്മബുദ്ധിയോടുകൂടി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഏറ്റവും അത്യാവശ്യമായുള്ള വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവിഷയത്തിലും സൌജന്യം ചെയ്യുന്നതു ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ സമ്പ്രദായമാണ് കടമയാണെന്നു ഞാൻ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kallukam I*). Before proceeding with the arguments, I wish to know from the Chair whether, as there is an identical motion standing against my name, I will be allowed 10 minutes?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You may speak on this motion for 5 minutes.

Mr. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kallukam I*): Mr. Asan has pointed out to us that by reducing the fees the loss that is to be sustained by the Government is not a very considerable one. I quite agree with him in

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that point of view. On a calculation I would like to point out to the Government, that in the year 1107 the expenditure involved as compared to the receipt from fees bears the ratio of 100 : 15 *i. e.*, an income of Rs. 6,95,254 to the total expenditure of Rs. 45,14,453. Coming to the next year, the percentage of income to expenditure stands at 17 per cent., for after deducting the revenue from miscellaneous groups the income mainly from the item of fees comes to Rs. 7,57,167 while expenditure reaches Rs. 45,57,688. Sir, this shows that if a reduction of 50 per cent. is made, Government is not in any way going to materially suffer especially in a department which is considered to be a spending department. The economic depression has very much affected even the number of school going population in classes where fees are levied.

I may at the same time point out that the rise in the number of students in 1108 is only a few thousands. That is, in 1107 when the number was 2,27,747 in departmental schools, it rose to 2,76,542 in 1108. But I must at the same time tell Government that this rise is due mainly to the increase in the number of students in the primary department of the schools where there is no fee. Coming to the High School department, wherefrom the major portion of the fees is realised, I find that in 1107 only 12,459 pupils were in the list of students. But in 1108, the number has diminished to 11,658. I only point out to Government, that in classes where fees are levied, the number of students is steadily going down. This is the latest record of the statistics that we have and as such I need not tell the House that at this time of economic depression, when the guardians are already exhausted, when they are educating their children even sacrificing their daily means of livelihood, this is the opportune time for Government to come to their help; and Government should use this opportunity for at least redressing their grievances by a remission of 50 per cent. in school and college fees.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Sir, I also support the motion that is moved by Mr. Asan. I do not think that any long speech is necessary to commend the motion for the acceptance of the House. The reason is quite evident and quite simple. The people are in very great distress and they find it rather very difficult to find means to pay the fees for the education of their children. It is only proper that Government should find their way to reduce the fees in the schools and colleges by at least 50 per cent.

The only other question that the Government has to consider is how to find funds to meet this deficit in their income. I may just point out one or two sources of income in addition to the suggestions made by the mover and his other supporters. Even in the budget as it is presented before this House, there is a surplus of about 2·6 lakhs of rupees. Then there is another source by which Government has obtained something like a revenue of Rs. 2·5 lakhs by way of duty on matches. That amount anyway may be taken to be contributed by the people.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I do not think you are justified in making a proposal for the diversion of any particular sum to any particular purpose.

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MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): I am only suggesting that any funds available in the hands of Government may be diverted so as to meet the deficiency due to the reduction in fees by 50 per cent.

There is another suggestion that I wish to make. Government may make a saving in their expenditure by reducing the salaries of high-paid officers in the State. Government should meet the situation in the country and make a reduction of 50 per cent. in the fees in the schools and colleges.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Sir, I also rise to support the motion. In spite of the vehement criticisms that are being levelled against the present system of education, I think it must be conceded on all hands, at least on a larger ground, that it is not justifiable and becoming on the part of an advanced and progressive Government as ours to make education prohibitive. However, I may say, unremunerative the present system of education may be, I think that, as far as possible, it must be made attractive and accessible at least from a financial point of view, for the ordinary tax-payer. Under the present circumstances, a person sends his children to the school not because he can afford it, nor is it because it will be paying in the long run. It is simply in order to ward off a great evil. He thinks, and that rightly too, that a starving family with educated unemployed is by far safer, better and more stable than a family with surplus family budget but cramped with uneducated unemployed. That which applies to individuals and families applies with equal force to the State as well. But for the education that have spread among the masses to-day, things would have taken a different turn altogether under the present circumstances.

From the Administration Report it is quite evident that there is a fall in the number of school-going children in 1108 and I am sure it must have gone further down this year. The exorbitant rates of fees that are being levied today, not to speak of the costly text-books and the costlier note-books, contribute not a little to the steady decrease in the number of school-going children. Unlike the remission of taxes, I think that a reduction in the school fees will be more universal in its effect and in its extent. The ownership of land and fields is not a condition precedent to sending our children to schools. Besides, it is more in the interests of the State rather than of the individual that education should be given all facilities to advance.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Sir, I am in full sympathy with the intentions underlying the argument of the mover. Of course, times are bad and the poor people of the land are anxious to get a concession in the fees of the school-going children. Some concession certainly should be given in the matter of school fees. But though the Honourable mover confined his arguments at first to departmental schools, subsequent development on the subject tend to show that the concession has been urged for non-departmental schools and private schools to the same extent as in departmental schools. Sir, there are in all about 2,450 private aided institutions and 280 unaided institutions in

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the whole State. Of course, of these institutions there may be a few which are self-supporting and which may have good funds behind them.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from the member whether all these institutions do not levy fees?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): No. There are a number of private schools which do not.

I refer to Vernacular Middle and High Schools and English Middle and High Schools and Colleges in the State. So far as these institutions are concerned, all of them are not self-supporting, in spite of the fee they levy.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are not all the private English Schools paying concerns rather than self-supporting institutions?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Some may be self-supporting; but all are not paying concerns.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the member can point out any English institution conducted by private agency that is not self-supporting?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): So far as English High Schools are concerned, I think almost all of them are not self-supporting.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question was whether there was any English institution under private agency which was not self-supporting. Has Mr. Padmanaban anything to say to that?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): I have answered that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I mean English institutions and not English High Schools.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): That question has been answered.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the member is supporting or opposing the motion?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): I am in perfect agreement with the principle underlying the motion.

If a remission of 50 per cent. is enforced, to departmental and non-departmental schools alike, I would only request that a reimbursement be made to private schools. In the case of fee concessions allowed by private schools, the department reimburses the management to the extent of at least 75 per cent. of the loss. If 50 per cent. reduction is extended to private schools, the department is bound to reimburse them to the extent of 75 per cent. of the loss then the private schools will have no complaint.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the member is aware of any private institution in which salary cuts have been introduced?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Certainly, there are.

So bringing this matter also into the consideration of the House, I am in full sympathy with Mr. Asan's motion; but as it is, I am not sup-

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[Mr. K. Padmanabhan.]

porting it. I would just urge the principle and I would requestGovernments to see that, if reduction is allowed, they reimburse the private schools also.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Why not cut down the salaries of teachers in private schools?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): But then we may not get teachers.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there are not already cuts made in the pay of teachers under private managements?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Yes, there are. But that is no justification for reduction of fees.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In supporting the motion before the House, I may be permitted to give my own impression on the matter. A few minutes back, I saw the Financial Secretary interrupting one of the members on this side of the House, when he opposed the motion, by putting a question as to whether the reduction should also be made applicable to grant-in-aid or private institutions also. By that interruption of the official member, I understand that Government are in a way prepared to make this reduction in Government institutions; the only difficulty for them is how to face the case if private institutions do not act accordingly. So I do not think that there is any more necessity on the part of the members on this side of the House to speak on the desirability of effecting a 50 per cent. cut in school and college fees. In this connection I would like to give a very good suggestion to the House. I anticipate many more members to speak after me and I only wish one and all of them to repeat the same argument with added emphasis.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You cannot say that. You cannot invite other members to speak in the way in which you like (*laughter*).

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I am only indirectly appealing to the members to desist from speaking any more on the point and allow the House to divide on it straightway.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Sir, I support the motion brought forward by Mr. Asan. Sir, the other day, during the general discussion of the budget, almost all the members on this side of the House gave expression to the miserable condition of the people on account of the present economic depression. All the people find it difficult, excepting the Government servants, to find means or to get at means for their daily maintenance even. The parents of school-going children are at a loss to find means even to feed them. Such being the case, we can imagine how difficult it will be for the parents to send their children to school and to spend for their educational expenses. It is therefore absolutely necessary that the Government must seriously consider this question of making a substantial reduction of fees in schools and colleges, either recognised or departmental. Not less than 50 per cent. of the fees must be reduced.

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But, the question may naturally arise as to how the Government would be able to meet the expenditure on behalf of the Education Department. I would suggest to the officers of Government to be generous enough to forego a portion of their salaries.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I want a ruling from the Chair, as to whether a member can traverse the same ground as has been traversed by previous speakers, repeat arguments and suggestions already advanced. (*Hear, hear.*)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The rule prevents *tedious* repetition. If anybody attempts that, I shall certainly prevent him from doing so. But Mr. Nilakanta Pillai is now repeating arguments in a way in which he thinks they would be useful. I do not find any tediousness in it.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I request the President to throw more light on what he means by *tediousness* in repetition.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I refuse to do that; but I certainly promise Mr. Sivatanu Pillai that, if any member attempts at tedious repetition I shall stop him at once.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Sir, generosity must first proceed from the Dewan, the Head of the Administration; and then, surely, other officers will follow suit, and so the matter will be made very easy.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is this relevant, Sir?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am certainly prepared to give rulings on points of order which I consider necessary. But, if every member stands up and puts questions to the Chair whether this point is relevant or that point is relevant, especially when nothing serious has arisen, I must say, that is abusing the opportunity given to members to draw the attention of the Chair to irrelevant points and matters not in order. I wish members will make a discreet use of the opportunity to draw the attention of the Chair.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the member's reference to a cut of the Dewan's salary is relevant now?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Chair knows all that. You may proceed, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): I once more appeal to this House to consider this question seriously and to give their full support to this motion.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I move for a closure.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: This question has not been sufficiently discussed.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ശക്തിയോടുകൂടി പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം പാസാക്കുന്നതായാൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനും പ്രൈവറ്റ് ഏജൻസിക്കാർക്കും നേരിട്ടുന്നതായ പ്രയാസങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി ചിന്തിക്കാതെയല്ല ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേ

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[Mr. N. E. Varughese.]

പത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നതു്. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ തല്ക്കാലികസ്ഥിതിക്കു ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു ഫീസുസൌജന്യം ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നു ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യം നേരിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നാണു് ആലോചിക്കേണ്ടതു്. ജനങ്ങൾക്കു ഈ ഫീസു സൌജന്യം ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കേണ്ട അത്യാവശ്യം ഉണ്ടെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു തോന്നുന്ന പക്ഷം അതേപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറു ശ്രദ്ധമായി ചിന്തിക്കണം. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ കർഷകന്മാരുടേയും, ഉൾനാട്ടുവാസികളുടേയും തല്ക്കാലികസ്ഥിതി ഗവണ്മെൻറു മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നപക്ഷം ഈ ഫീസുസൌജന്യം ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു് ഏറ്റവും അത്യാവശ്യമാണെന്നു ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുന്നതാണു്. ഈ സൌജന്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി ചോദിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറുപക്ഷത്തുനിന്നും ഒരു സമാധാനം പറയുകയില്ലയോ എന്നു ഞാൻ സംശയിക്കുന്നു. അതു മറെറാന്നുമല്ല. സാമ്പത്തികാധ:പതനമുണ്ടെന്നു മുറവിളിക്കൂട്ടുന്ന ഈ കാലത്തു് ഫീസ് ക്രമീയിതിക്കുമ്പോൾ പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളിൽ പോകുന്ന കുട്ടികളുടെ എണ്ണത്തിനു യാതൊരു കുറവും ഇല്ലെന്നും നേരെമറിച്ചു എണ്ണം വർദ്ധിച്ചുവരുന്നു എന്നും ആയതിനാൽ ഫീസ് കൊടുപ്പാൻ ശക്തിയില്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നതു ശരിയായിട്ടുള്ളതല്ലെന്നും ആയിരിക്കാം. ഫീസ് കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു പ്രയാസമുണ്ടായിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ പള്ളിക്കൂടത്തിൽപോകുന്ന കുട്ടികളുടെ സംഖ്യ കുറയുമായിരുന്നു എന്നു് സംശയിച്ചേക്കാം. അതിനു എനിക്കു പറയാനുള്ള സമാധാനം ഫീസ് കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു ശക്തിയുണ്ടായിട്ടല്ലാ ഇപ്പോൾ അധികഭാഗം രക്ഷകർത്താക്കന്മാരും കുട്ടികളെ സ്കൂളുകളിൽ അയക്കുന്നതു എന്നും ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ തൊഴിലില്ലായ്മയുടെ ആധിക്യം നിമിത്തം കുട്ടികളെ, വീടുകളിൽ ജോലിയില്ലാതെ നിർത്തിയാൽ സൈരക്കേടും കലഹവും വർദ്ധിക്കുമെന്നുഭയന്നാണു് അവർ അങ്ങനെ ചെയ്യുന്നതെന്നുമാണു്. എന്നാൽ ഈ തിരുവനന്തപുരം പട്ടണത്തിൽ താമസിക്കുന്ന ആളുകൾക്കു് ഇതിന്റെ വിഷമം അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. പ്രതിമാസം ഒരു നല്ല തുക ശമ്പളംകിട്ടുന്നവക്കു് കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളെ പള്ളിക്കൂടത്തിൽ അയക്കുന്നതിനു വിഷമമുണ്ടായിരിക്കയില്ല. എന്നാൽ ഭൂരിപക്ഷം കുട്ടികളും കർഷകന്മാരുടെ സന്താനങ്ങളും ഉൾനാട്ടിൽ താമസിക്കുന്നവരുമാണു്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I fear, Mr. Varughese, you are approaching the zone referred to by Mr. Sivatanu Pillai.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): വേറെകായ്ത്തിലേക്കു് പ്രവേശിച്ചുകൊള്ളട്ടെ.

ഈ ഫീസ്സുസൌജന്യം ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കുന്നതായാൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു വലിയ നഷ്ടമുണ്ടാകുമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു കരുതുന്നു. ലാഭനഷ്ടം കണ

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ക്കുകൂട്ടുവാനുള്ള സംഗതിയല്ലാ ഇത്. ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ സ്ഥിതി വിചാരിച്ചാൽ നഷ്ടമായാലും ലാഭമായാലും ഈ ഫീസുസൌജന്യം ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു് ഏറ്റവും അത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. പഴയകാലത്തു മിഡിൽ ക്ലാസിൽ ഒരു രൂപായേ ഫീസുണ്ടായിരുന്നുള്ളു. കുറെ വർഷങ്ങൾക്കുമുമ്പുമുതൽമാത്രം ഫീസു് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ നിരക്കിനു വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതും അതിന്റെഫലമായി രാജ്യമാസകലം കുട്ടികളുടെ ഇടയിൽ ഭയങ്കരമായ പണിമുടക്കം ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളതുമാണു്.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): പണ്ടു അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാർക്കു ശമ്പളവും കുറവായിരുന്നെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. N. E VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): അതിനേപ്പറ്റി എനിക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. പ്രക്ഷോഭണത്തിന്റെ ഫലമായി തല്ക്കാലത്തേക്കു ഫീസു് കുറവു് ചെയ്തെങ്കിലും വീണ്ടും വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കയാണുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളതു്.

കർഷകരുടെ തല്ക്കാല നില ആലോചിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ നിരക്കിലുള്ള ഫീസു് കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു യാതൊരു നിവൃത്തിയുമില്ല. അവരുടെ വരവുകാൾ അത്രമാത്രം കുറഞ്ഞുപോയിരിക്കുന്നു. പഴയ കാലത്തെ അവസ്ഥയിലേക്കു അവർ പിൻമാറിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കയാണു്.

പ്രൈവറ്റു സ്കൂളുകളെ നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനു് ചില മെമ്പർമാർ പറയുന്നതുപോലെ യാതൊരു സംശയത്തിനും വകയില്ല. തുണിയുടെ അളവിനൊത്തവണ്ണം ഉടുപ്പുവെട്ടിയുണ്ടാക്കാൻ എല്ലാവരും പഠിച്ചിരിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, one word in support of the motion. Mr. Padmanabhan raised the question whether private schools should not be reimbursed for the loss which they might sustain by any reduction of fees if made. I wish to bring to the notice of the House that, while Government have not reduced the salaries of the teachers in their Schools, private agencies have made substantial cuts in the salaries of their employees. It must be borne in mind that at least the English Schools are profit-making institutions and are run on business lines. The authorities are more keen on their profit than on the advancement of education. I do not deny that the private agencies may have other objects also in view. But, the fact must be noted that, while the Government have not effected any cut of the salaries of the teachers in departmental schools, substantial cuts have been effected in the salaries of teachers in private schools, and ———

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member——

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): On a point of order, Sir. I am interrupted in the middle of a sentence.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You need not raise any point of order for this purpose. We are prepared to accommodate you. You can finish your sentence.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): The private institutions have effected substantial cuts in the salaries of their teachers and thereby enhanced their profits.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): How many profit-making English Schools are there in the State?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I have not got accurate statistics on the matter. In fact, it is very difficult even to get at correct accounts of the income and expenditure of several of the private institutions. It has been very forcibly pointed out by the Education Reforms Committee in its Report that the maintaining of two balance sheets, two sets of accounts for the same school, is quite common.

My point, Sir, is that, irrespective of the question of our being able to suggest means by which Government could reimburse the loss they would sustain by reducing school fees, what we have to consider is whether it is necessary or not. We are not concerned with how the Government are going to manage for the expenditure on schools. It has been admitted by the Unemployment Committee that the sacrifice made the average parent in Travancore to educate his children is something phenomenal. They have pointed out that in very strong terms. Sir, there cannot be another method by which we can effectively distribute relief to the people than by effecting a reduction in school fees. So, I agree with all that my friend Mr. Asan has stated.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ സസന്തോഷം പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നതിനാണ് ഞാൻ എഴുനേറ്റു നിൽക്കുന്നത്. തങ്ങളുടെ കുട്ടികളെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ചെയ്യിക്കുന്നതിനു താല്പര്യമുള്ള മാതാപിതാക്കന്മാർ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലുള്ളതുപോലെ അധികം സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ കാണുന്നില്ല. ഈ ക്ഷാമകാലത്തും കുട്ടികൾക്കു ഫീസ്സു കൊടുക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലെങ്കിൽ മാതാപിതാക്കന്മാരുടെ ആഹാരവും മറ്റാവശ്യങ്ങളും ചുരുക്കിയാണ് അവർ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളെ പള്ളിക്കൂടത്തിൽ അയക്കുന്നത്. തിരുവിതാംകൂർ സംസ്ഥാനത്തെ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവിഷയത്തിൽ വേണ്ട സൌജന്യം ചെയ്തു കൊടുത്തില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഉപവാസം കൊണ്ടുള്ള മരണങ്ങൾ തന്നെയും രാജ്യത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടാകുമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ വിശ്വാസം.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the difficulty the member points out applies to school-going children of Sirkar servants?

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളിൽ ഭൂരിഭാഗവും സർക്കാർ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ കുട്ടികളല്ല. ഇന്നു ശതമാനം കുട്ടികളും കർഷകന്മാരുടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളാണ്. പിന്നെ ഒരു വലിയ ശതമാനം

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നിസ്സാര ശമ്പളം വാങ്ങുന്ന ശിപായിമാരുടെയും അധ്യാപകന്മാരുടെയും സന്താനങ്ങളാണ്.

പ്രൈവറ്റ സ്കൂളുകളിലേ കുട്ടികളുടെ ഫീസ്സു ഇളവു ചെയ്യേണ്ടതല്ലേ എന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനോടു് ചോദിച്ചു് ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ചിലർ പരോക്ഷമായി എതിർക്കുന്നു. അതിന്റെ ആവശ്യം ഉണ്ടെന്നു എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. ഈ സംസ്ഥാനത്തെ പ്രൈവറ്റ സ്കൂളുകളെ രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ ആയി തരം തിരിക്കുന്ന പക്ഷം അധികവും മതപ്രചരണത്തിനുള്ള സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളാണെന്നു കാണാം.

ഫീസ് ഇളവു് ചെയ്യുന്നതു കൊണ്ടു് അധ്യാപകന്മാക്കു് ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കാൻ മതിയാകാതെ വരുന്ന എങ്കിൽ മതപ്രചരണത്തിനുള്ള ഫണ്ടു കൂടി ഫീസിനോടു ചേർത്തു അവക്കു ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കാവുന്നതാണു്. തൊഴിലില്ലായ്മ സാർവ്വത്രികമായി പ്രചരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ കാലത്തു് സ്വല്പം ശമ്പളം കൊടുത്താൽ അധ്യാപകന്മാരെ ധാരാളം കിട്ടുന്നതാണു്. എന്നാൽ ആ സംഗതി ഇപ്പോൾ ആലോചിക്കേണ്ട ഒരു പ്രശ്നമല്ല. അതിനാൽ കുട്ടികളുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസസൌകര്യത്തിനു ഫീസ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ടു് നഷ്ടം വരികയാണെങ്കിൽ ആണ്ടവസാനത്തിൽ വരുന്ന റിവൈസ്ഡ് ബഡ്ജറിൽപതിവുപോലെ നഷ്ടംവന്നതാണെന്നു് സമാധാനപ്പെട്ടാൽമതി.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Sir, I wish to say just a word in support of Mr. Asan's motion. The case for the reduction of the fees in schools and colleges by 50 per cent, is, in my humble opinion, a very strong one. Whatever might have been the justification for raising the rate of fees to its present level in the old days, at present there is absolutely no justification to maintain it at its present level. Even in those old days when the present rates were introduced, I distinctly remember that there was an outcry against the increase in the rate of fees and the whole House will remember the students' strike days as a sort of protest against the sudden increase and that the students everywhere showed their disaffection or want of affection on account of that.

Secondly why the fees should be reduced to a level which is well within the means of all parents and guardians is the existence of the economic depression. The earning capacity of individuals has gone down very very low. The learned Census Commissioner himself would admit that. I think the report of the Census Commissioner was published in 1931 and we are three years ahead. Even then though the individual income in normal times is Rs. 81, as a result of the depression it was reduced to so low a figure as Rs. 51. That was in 1931. We are three years ahead and we are much more depressed now. So, Sir, in the interest of education and in the interest of the people, it is highly necessary that the fees in the colleges and schools should be reduced by 50 per cent.

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[Mr. Pacode A. Narayana Pillai.]

Another reason why this has to be done is that all enlightened Governments regard education as one of the most important items in what are called social services. It is the concern of all enlightened Governments to spread education among as large a section of the community as possible. If the present rates are allowed to continue, I believe that in the long run it will act as a set-back to the advance of education in the land. So I support the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I move that the question be now put.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I have already asked Mr. Krishna Pillai to speak.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): I also rise to support the motion. It does not require any long speech. I am also anxious to see that the motion is voted upon. Sir, a few months back the members of this House as well as the other House met in a conference in this Hall and they unanimously passed a resolution that the fees in colleges and in schools should be reduced by 50 per cent. That shows how widespread and urgent is the need and how keen is the desire on the part of the public at large to see that the fees in schools and colleges are reduced as early as possible. I know, Sir, of many instances in which the parents, on account of inability to pay the fees of their children, were obliged to call back their children from schools and colleges. As such, I whole-heartedly support the motion. I have also to express my regret that members on this side of the House sometimes treat such matters lightly and bring into play their selfish interest.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I do not permit you to make that observation because it will be a very good rule that you do not attribute motives or dissect the conduct of individual members.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I oppose the motion. For one thing, the motion is unacceptable in its present form. The motion is for the reduction by fifty per cent. of all fees, irrespective of the grade of colleges or the type of colleges, irrespective of whether they are English or Vernacular Schools, irrespective of whether they are departmental schools or aided schools.

With regard to the colleges, I would like to point out to the members of the House—some of them are probably not aware of the facts—that the fees at present required to be paid in the departmental colleges in Travancore are considerably lower than those in the aided institutions, with the possible exception of the Intermediate Classes in the Union Christian College at Alwaye. The aided colleges, a number of them, levy a registration fee when the students apply, and much higher fees generally by way of library fees, science fees, athletic fees and so on. Taking it altogether, the departmental colleges levy a

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considerably lower fee and already the difficulty has been pointed out by several members as to how we should stand in relation to aided institutions.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are the Government giving any aid to the private colleges in the State?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In that case, could not the Government insist that the aided colleges should not levy a higher fee than that levied in the departmental colleges?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I think it might be possible for Government to do so. But I doubt whether it will be worth the while of any aided college to agree to lowering the fees in return for the very small aid that Government give. Excluding the grant given for furniture, equipment and building, they receive altogether something like Rs. 1,500. That, I think, is not very much in relation to their very large income from fees.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Could not the Government save that Rs. 15,000?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I said Rs. 1,500 and not Rs. 15,000. Rs 1,500 is a very small amount compared to the fees they earn. Anyway, Sir, although the departmental college fees are lower in Travancore than the aided college fees, still there is no outcry about the higher fees in aided colleges from either the students or their parents.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will not the reduction in departmental college fees be an incentive for the students in aided colleges leaving those institutions so that the grant-in-aid institutions may be tempted to reduce their fees also correspondingly?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I am afraid the departmental colleges do not want the balance of students from aided colleges. Year after year the departmental colleges are full and many students have to be refused admission for want of accommodation.

What I was going to say was that, if you compare the fees in departmental colleges in Travancore with the fees in departmental colleges elsewhere, for example in Madras, there again you will find that the fees in the departmental colleges in Travancore are very much less, for example, than the fees in the Presidency College or in any of the departmental colleges in Madras.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): What is the rate of fees in the Pachaiyappa's College, Madras?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): As far as the Intermediate and the B. A. classes are concerned, the fees in the Pachaiyappa's College are the same as the fees in the departmental colleges in Trivandrum.

I would also like, Sir, to point out to the House that large amounts by way of scholarships and fee concessions are given particularly in English Sch[illegible]

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RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know whether the Educational, Reforms Committee itself recommended that the fees in classes up to the third form should be reduced to Rs. 20 per annum?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Under certain circumstances yes. I was just pointing out Sir, that last year Government spent Rs. 1,10,000 by way of fee concessions to aided institutions.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In the statistics of 1108, I find that the aided colleges are given a grant of Rs. 7,200. Has that amount been reduced to Rs. 1,500?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): That includes equipment grant also.

In addition to the sum of Rs. 1,10,000 given by way of fee concessions to aided institutions, Government have foregone, by way of loss of fees in their departmental institutions, mainly English institutions, a sum of over one lakh of rupees.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): May I know whether the fee concession is not confined to the backward and depressed classes?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No, it is not. I think the Honourable member knows that up to a limit of ten per cent. fee concession is granted to the members of the forward classes. Altogether a sum of Rs. 2,46,000 roughly was spent by way of relief on fee concessions and scholarships. In my humble opinion, the best way of giving relief will be to extend that to all the really poor and really deserving pupils. I do not think that a good case has been made out for the reduction of fees in the colleges and high schools. I therefore oppose the motion.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether the present system of granting fee concessions and scholarships has any reference to the poverty due to general economic depression?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is economic depression at the moment. If the mover of the motion were to ask whether Government are prepared to take into their serious consideration the question whether the fees now levied in the lower classes in the English Schools and in the upper classes of the Vernacular Schools are not susceptible of some slight reduction, I would say that Government are prepared to consider that and investigate that; but they are not prepared to accept a wholesale motion for a fifty per cent. reduction in fees in all grades of institutions. I oppose the motion.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether Government will effect a reduction in fees at least by 25 per cent?

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have already said, Sir, that Government are not prepared to reduce the fees in the colleges and in the high school classes. I think there is sufficient relief already provided for students in those institutions. But Government are prepared to investigate whether it will be possible to make a reduction in the fees in the lowest classes of the English Schools and in the upper classses of the Vernacular Schools.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know what the member means when he says the lowest classes in the English Schools?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Up to the Third Form. Government have found, by comparison with other Native States and with other provinces in British India, that there is reason to believe that the fees, for example, in the preparatory class are a little higher at the present time than elsewhere. Also the fees in classes 5, 6 and 7 of the Vernacular Schools are a fraction higher than elsewhere. Taking that into account and taking into account the present economic depression referred to by the members, Government are prepared to investigate whether the fees might not be reduced in regard to those classes. I oppose the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Asan, do you press the motion?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Yes, Sir.

The motion was put to vote and declared carried.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I demand a poll.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Asan, are you very particular to have a poll?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Yes, Sir.

A poll was taken and the House divided as follows:—

AYES—52.

1	Mr. K. C. Abraham	14	Mr. N. John Joseph
2	„ T. K. Alexander	15	„ J. M. Joseph
3	„ V. T. Chacko	16	„ T. C. Joseph
4	„ S. Chattanatha Karayalar	17	„ K. C. Karunakaran
5	„ P. Chidambaram Pillai	18	„ T. T. Kesavan Sastri
6	„ A. S. Damodaran Asan	19	„ K. M. Krishnan
7	„ A. Easwara Pillai (*Kolkulam II*)	20	„ K. P. Krishna Menon
8	„ A. Easwara Pillai (*Kottarakara*)	21	„ Pottayil S. Krishna Panickar
9	„ K. R. Elenkath	22	„ E. V. Krishna Pillai
10	„ Antony George	23	„ N. K. Krishna Pillai
11	Miss Hepzibah Gnanasikamony	24	„ Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai
12	Mr. S. J. Nair	25	„ T. Krishna Pillai
13	„ T. S Jayantan Nambootiri	26	„ K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
		27	„ C. V. Kunjuraman

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AYES—52

28	Mr.	E. K. Kunjuraman	41	Rao Sahib	S. Paramesvara Aiyar
29	,,	K. Madhavan	42	Mr.	Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai
30	,,	M. K. Madhavan Pillai	43	,,	V. Ramakrishna Panicker
31	,,	K. Mahomed	44	,,	R. Raman Pillai
32	,,	M. N. Nair	45	,,	R. Sambasiva Aiyar
33	,,	K. A. Narayana Pillai	46	,,	K. Sankaran
34	,,	Pacode A. Narayana Pillai	47	,,	M. Sivatanu Pillai
35	,,	P. K. Narayana Pillai	48	,,	A. Thanu Pillai
36	Srimati	T. Narayani Amma	49	,,	S. Thiraviam Nadar
37	Mr.	G. Nilakantan	50	,,	N. E. Varughese
38	,,	S. Nilakanta Pillai	51	,,	V. K. Velappan Nayar
39	,,	Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon	52	,,	T. P. Velayudhan Pillai
40	,,	Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai			

NOES—11

1	Mr.	E. H. Francis	7	Mr.	Kayalam Paramesvarn Pillai
2	,,	K. George	8	Rao Bahadur	N. Ramanuja Aiyangar
3	,,	Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai	9	Mr.	R. M. Statham
4	,,	R. Nilakanta Pillai	10	,,	T. C. Thommen
5	,,	N. K. Padmanabha Pillai	11	,,	G. B. E. Truscott
6	,,	K. P. Padmanabha Menon			

NEUTRALS—4

1	Mr.	N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib	3	Mr.	K. Padmanabhan
2	,,	M. Mahomed Haneef	4	,,	P. K. Thomas

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The motion is carried.

Motions Nos. 18 to 50.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We shall proceed with the next item of business, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, do you move that?

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): No, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I rise to a point of order. I want to know whether substantially identical motions can be allowed and whether all the other motions have not lapsed. It was so ruled last year.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The other motions have lapsed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I want to know whether all these motions lapse whatever be the ground on which they are started.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Then the next is Motion No. 20.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : That is a cut for a different purpose. No. 20 is an identical motion. May I move the motion ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Yes, you may move the motion No. 20. Don't you propose to move the other ? I asked Mr. Nilakanta Pillai whether he was going to move the other motion before 20. It was then that Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai raised a point of order. A ruling being passed on that, I am asking whether he moves motion No. 20. There the motion states "to draw the attention of Government to the inequality of treatment meted out to the School Final teachers employed in the Vernacular Schools and the School Final Teachers employed in the English Schools."

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Sir, I submit a point of order that the motions Nos. 18 to 50 are identical motions because all of them are token motions under the head "Direction" and decision has been arrived at with regard to one of these motions. So the ruling last year also was that all must lapse.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : That applies to motions up to 35. The motions are all identical in as much as they are all token motions.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I wanted to know whether the reasons given for the motion are the same or different ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The reasons given are different but that does not matter.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Then all those motions lapse. From 36 to 50 both inclusive, they combine votable with non-votable items. Therefore they are out of order.

The following motions were therefore not moved :—

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI :
18. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction by Rs. 5.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI :
19. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction by Rs. 10.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI :
20. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI :
21. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :
22. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER :
23. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction by Re 1.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :
24. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction by Rs. 5.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :
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MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE :
31. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :
32. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :
33. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI :
34. To reduce the allotment of Rs 34,689 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR S. J. NAIR :
35. To omit the allotment of Rs. 34,689 for Direction

MR. K. R. ELENKAT H
36. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :
37. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :
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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :
41. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON :
42. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Rs. 5.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :
43. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :
44. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Re 1.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR :
45. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI :
46. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Rs. 10.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR :
47. To reduce the allotment of Rs 66,950 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI :
48. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKER :
49. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Re. 1

MR. M. N. NAIR :
50. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 66,950 for Direction by Rs. 5.

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Motion No. 51 to 53

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Motion No. 51, Mr. Mahomed.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) . I do not move it.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Regarding the combination of the votable and non-votable items, before a ruling is passed, I request that some of us may be heard.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I shall be very happy to allow the member to discuss that point, but I observe that they have been ruled out and I called upon Mr. Mahomed to speak. Mr. Mahomed rose and said that he does not move and therefore it is belated.

The following motions were not moved :—

MR. K. MAHOMED :

51. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 44,580 by Re. 1

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

52 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 51,780 for salaries by Re. 1.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI :

53. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,000 for travelling allowance by Rs. 500.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Now, of the next following motions, some of them combine non-votable with votable items. Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai said he wishes to be heard as to whether they are in order or out of order. I am prepared to hear him.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) Sir, certain starred cut motions have already been ruled out but not on the ground that they combine votable as well as non-votable items. The ground alleged by the learned Law Member and some members among the non-officials for ruling them out was a different one. That is to say all of them were directed against one and the same subject and the fact that one of them was carried was deemed sufficient warrant for disallowing the rest. No doubt, another ground was also alleged but the members who had sent up such motions were given no opportunity to sustain their position. Therefore I am rising now to argue that point.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That the rule was passed without hearing the members?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Now in these cases it is said that the starred motions combine votable and non-votable items. It is no doubt true. In the preliminary edition of the budget, on going through the various figures, it may be seen that some combine votable and non-votable items. They are not separately shown in some places in the final column. On the whole the total for a particular Demand is given Because the preliminary budget has been so framed with composite figures made up of votable as well as non-votable items, some of us thought we should direct attention to those composite figures and the motions were therefore so framed as to include the votable as well as the non-votable items. So long as there is a votable item which may be made the target of attack, though it does not stand alone in the preliminary budget, the motion is quite in order : and only

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[Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.]

if the motion tends to trench upon the non-votable item, would it be out of order. A separation can be made by a simple process of mental arithmetic to arrive at the votable item. I believe that has been done on previous occasions. Nobody took objection to these motions being so framed till now. It cannot be said the motions on votable items reach the non-votable items. They can be easily separated. It requires only a small calculation by way of subtraction and then votable items will be set free for consideration. On the ground of the *form* of the motions I think they need not be ruled out. I therefore maintain these motions are in order.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I wish to state this fact, in the form supplied to us from para 4 sub-heading (*a*) it can be found that we are to state the amount allotted for particular items It is not stated to be votable portion of the item ; on the understanding that if it is to reduce the allotment of a particular item of the budget, the whole amount is put.

I may be permitted to place these facts for the consideration of the Chair. It was impossible to separate the votable and the non-votable portions of the total amounts under such items. I do not think there is any rule which says that the non-votable portion should not be included under the head of this item. As my friend Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai observed, if the portion which is sought to be reduced is not in excess of the votable portion, my submission is that the motion is quite clear and proper.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : The Government member making the motion for the Demand for the grant includes the whole amount under the particular Demand, including both voted and non-voted items.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I would certainly not allow any conversation between the members on any subject. If any member has got to put a question, or to give any information, he is at liberty to stand up and speak.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : I made a mistake in not having stood up and put the question.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The amount that is placed for the vote of the House is the amount that is mentioned in the Demand paper. It is seen from the budget that, under Education, the total is Rs 46,04,580. This amount consists of various items *viz.*, votable and non-votable items which are detailed in the budget book. This particular item of Rs. 1,37,000 is on page 91 of the budget as indicated in the notice. If you turn to page 91 of the budget you will find item II Inspectors—Rs. 1,37,000. Immediately below is the non-votable item, "deduct non-voted charges," Rs. 10,990. Below that is the amount voted *viz.*, Rs. 1,26,010. So that, it will be seen that the total amount placed for the vote of the House

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is Rs. 46,04,580 and not Rs. 1,37,000. Therefore it seems to me, Sir, that the amount as it stands relates to an item which is not placed before this House for vote. To that extent, it is out of order. I can perfectly understand Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai, that it may be out of some misunderstanding that the motion is made in such a way as to tackle on the votable item to non-votable item. It is however, open to any of the members to come forward and say that he wants to amend the motion; and if such a request is made, it can be granted, That is my view.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are only giving a suggestion.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): That is the way the motion should be understood.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Have you anything to say, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have nothing to add.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The difficulty arises, so far as I have been able to see, from the fact that the two items are combined as certain sums are put down in the statement of the budget. Whether that was proper or not does not arise before this House. The Government may be right or may be wrong, all that the Chair is concerned with is whether the rules permit any motion on this demand which is so combined. If it is conceded that there is a combination, whatever be the principle, I must rule this motion out of order. But I am prepared to accommodate the gentlemen who have given notice, to take advantage of the offer made by the Government. I take it that Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai has spoken on behalf of Government: as he rightly said it is only a suggestion; but in the interests of proper discussion, I am prepared to allow the concession.

Motion No. 54.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I propose to move motion No. 54 as amended. Sir, I beg to move, to reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,26,010 for Inspectors by Re. 1.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): You must propose the amendment before moving and then you must get permission.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What is your amendment?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My amendment is to reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,26,010 for Inspectors by Re. 1. My original motion was to reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,37,000 for Inspectors by Re. 1.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I have allowed you to make the motion as amended.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I beg to move:—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,26,010 by Re. 1 for Inspectors.

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[Mr. S. J. Nair.]

It is with a view to discuss about the necessity of reducing the number of Division Inspectors by one, appointing one of the senior Division Inspectors as Deputy Director of Public Instruction or Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction and converting the post of Inspectress as one of the Division Inspectors.

Sir, it was found from the nature of the discussion in this House a few minutes ago that the post of a Personal Assistant or a senior officer directly under the Director of Public Instruction in his office is necessary in the interests of efficiency of the department, in the interests of proper control of the department, in the interests of the direct policy of the department in proper manner. As a result of the reform of the Inspectorate that has been sanctioned recently, the State was divided into so many Ranges or Divisions.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I rise to a point of order. The object of the motion mentions about three independent separate divisions. Therefore when he goes out of the point it may not be feasible for us to distinguish among all those three divisions. There are several alternatives and suggestions and so I wish to know whether the member is allowed to make the motion on all these points altogether or whether he may be compelled to confine himself to one of the points.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I explain it for the information of my friend? My motion centres round under one question and one question only, *viz.*, the necessity of having a Personal Assistant or any officer directly under the control or the Deputy Director under the Director of Public Instruction.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamthitta*): And so may I take it, Sir, that the first portion of the whole thing be deleted as well as the last portion? The necessity of reducing the number of Division Inspectors will be deleted and also the conversion of the post of Inspectress as one of the Division Inspectors be deleted.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It is not necessary that this portion should be deleted. Because they are only explanations to show how the post of the Personal Assistant shall be created without involving any additional expense.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Yes, you may proceed. I think it can be clearly seen from the motion at issue that the others are only consequential.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): One honest doubt, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You must withdraw that word 'honest,' because here there are no dishonest doubts (*Hear, hear*).

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): If any member is not agreeable to the means suggested for the purpose of achieving the end, can he vote upon this demand?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: This is a point which can be decided at the time of voting.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : As a result of the reform of the Inspectorate that has been sanctioned recently, the State has been divided into various Divisions. Division Inspectors and one Chief Inspectress and another assistant to the Chief Inspectress were created. As a result of the creation of this novel feature in the administration of the Education Department, the interest of Vernacular Education has suffered to a very great extent. Further, as far as the policy of the department is concerned, there is absolutely no continuity of policy and there are no proper officers to supervise the various Division Inspectors.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : I wish to know whether it is open now to the House to discuss the question of the appointment of Personal Assistant to the Director which has been already done with under Direction altogether. We are now at the Inspectorate.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I do not quite follow the difficulty.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESWARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : The point that is now being discussed in the motion brought forward by Mr. S. J. Nair is that a Personal Assistant should be given to the Director, apparently on a higher salary, because we have already voted for the Personal Assistant in the course of the day. That being so, whether it is in order, seeing that we have done with Direction altogether and voted for the entire grant for it already, my question is whether it can be discussed now also. That is my point of order.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : What do you say, Mr. Parameswaran Pillai.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The question of the Personal Assistant's post does not arise now. Perhaps he wants to create another Personal Assistant, one more Personal Assistant.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I explain, Sir?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, it would be evident from the object, when I pointed out under the cut motion, that my idea is to suggest only about the necessity of creating either a Deputy Director or Personal Assistant, as the case may be, in order to assist the Director of Public Instructions in his official duties.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I wish it would be better if the House does not demonstrate in any way.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Will the Honourable member be pleased to explain the object of his motion ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : He is trying to do it. Mr. S. J. Nair, please help us.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : The report of the Travancore Education Reforms Committee has clearly stated the necessity of having an officer directly under the Director in his office with a view to carry on the administration or the work of the department.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Maveliikara*) : Is the present discussion on the point of order raised by Mr. Parameswara Aiyar ?

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I may assure Mr. Asan that, when a ruling is given, it cannot be opened again. Mr. S. J. Nair is trying to explain the object of his motion and is trying to show if it is sustainable. You have already taken some minutes, Mr. S. J. Nair. The point, Mr. S. J. Nair, in the light of what transpired this morning, is about the Personal Assistant. Whether anybody is in order to make this motion, that is the point.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, my submission is that I am not speaking about the Personal Assistant; of course, the name is immaterial, whether Personal Assistant or Deputy Director.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Sir, we are here with the question of the Inspectorate. Anything outside this is irrelevant. The only thing that can be discussed under this motion is the Inspectorate and the other points coming under that.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I think the motion is not in order. The Inspectors can do nothing with regard to the policy. I must proceed to the next item.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): സർ, ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറേറിനുള്ള ഫ,ഫന്ന,ഠ ഫ ഠ രൂപയിൽ നിന്നും ഒരു രൂപ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ് എന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപം.

ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഞാൻ കൊണ്ടുവന്നതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറേറു പരിഷ്കരിച്ചതോടുകൂടിയും ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുടെ സംഖ്യ വർദ്ധിച്ചതോടുകൂടിയും കോട്ടയം താലൂക്കിൽ നിവസിക്കുന്ന ആളുകൾക്കു വന്ന സങ്കടത്തെപ്പറ്റി പറയുവാൻ വേണ്ടി മാത്രമാണു. തിരുവിതാംകൂർ സംസ്ഥാനത്തു ഒരു കാലത്തു മൂന്നു പള്ളിക്കൂടം ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാർ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതായി ഞാൻ ഓർമ്മിക്കുന്നു. അന്നു് കോട്ടയത്തു ഒരു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ഹെഡ് ആഫീസും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. പിന്നീടു് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുടെ എണ്ണം രണ്ടായി കുറഞ്ഞു. അന്നും കോട്ടയത്തു ഒരിൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ അഞ്ചു് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുണ്ടായ ഈ കാലത്തു് കോട്ടയത്തു് ഒരു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെയും ആഫീസില്ല. ഈ പരിഷ്കാരം കൊണ്ടു് കോട്ടയത്തു താമസിക്കുന്നവർക്കു വളരെ ക്ലേശങ്ങൾ സഹിക്കേണ്ടതായി വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഈ പരിഷ്കാരം അനുസരിച്ചു് കോട്ടയത്തുള്ള വിദ്യാലയങ്ങളെ എല്ലാം, കോട്ടയത്തിനടുത്തു തിരുവല്ലായിൽ ഒരു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസ് ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നിട്ടും, മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ കീഴിലാണു വച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. കോട്ടയത്തുനിന്നും തിരുവല്ലാക്കു ഫ ൈമെലും മൂവാറ്റുപുഴയ്ക്കു ന.@ മൈലും ആണു് ദൂരമുള്ളതു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് കോട്ടയത്തുള്ളവർക്കു വല്ല ആവശ്യവും നേരിട്ടാൽ

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ഈ ഫ ൈമൽ ദൂരത്തു താമസിക്കുന്ന ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരേ കണ്ടാൽ പോരാ, ന. ഒ ൈമൽ ദൂരത്തു താമസിക്കുന്ന മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരേ കാണണമെന്നു വന്നിരിക്കുന്നു. തിരുവല്ലാ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടക്കു വെയ്ക്കുത്തുള്ള അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസു പരിശോധിക്കണമെങ്കിൽ കോട്ടയം കടന്നു പോണം പോകുവാൻ. അതുപോലെ, മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടക്കു തിരുവല്ലാ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടേ അതുത്തിയിലുള്ള വൈക്കം താലൂക്കു കടന്നു പോയിട്ടു വേണം കോട്ടയത്തെ സ്കൂളുകൾ പരിശോധിക്കാൻ. ഇതുകളുടേയെല്ലാം ഉദ്ദേശം എന്താണെന്നു എനിക്കു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ലാ. ഓരോ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടേയും കീഴിലുള്ള പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളുടെ സംഖ്യ ഒപ്പിക്കാനാണെങ്കിൽ ഇതു വളരെ ക്ലേശം ക്രൂരമാതെ അതു നടത്താവുന്നതാണു്. കോട്ടയത്തിനടുത്ത താലൂക്കായ ചങ്ങനാശേരിയിൽ പെട്ട രാമൻകരി, ചേന്നൻകരി, മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലുള്ള പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങൾ പരിശോധിക്കേണ്ടതു് കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരാണു്. ചങ്ങനാശേരിയിൽ ഒരു അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസുണ്ടു്. ചേന്നൻകരിയിൽനിന്നു ചങ്ങനാശേരിയ്ക്കു് ഒരൈമലും കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളിയ്ക്കു് പതിനൈമലുമാണു് ദൂരം. എന്നിട്ടും ആ സ്ഥലത്തെ പള്ളിക്കൂടം പരിശോധിക്കേണ്ടതു് ഒരൈമൽ ദൂരത്തുള്ള ചങ്ങനാശേരി അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരല്ല; പ്രത്യുത പതിനൈമൽ ദൂരത്തുള്ള കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരാണു്. ഈ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരേറ്റു് പരിഷ്കാരംകൊണ്ടു് കോട്ടയത്തും ചങ്ങനാശേരിയിലും ഉള്ള വക്കു് ഇതുയും അസൌകര്യവും ഉണ്ടാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ മിക്കസ്ഥലങ്ങളിലേയും സ്ഥിതി ഇതിൽ നിന്നും വളരെ വ്യത്യസ്തമായിരിക്കയില്ല.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : കൊട്ടാരക്കര താലൂക്കിലുള്ളവക്കു് അടുത്തു കൊല്ലത്തു് ഒരു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ആഫ്സു് ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നിട്ടും തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തുള്ള ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരേയാണു കാണേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നുള്ള വിവരം മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*) : ആ സംഗതി ഇവിടെ എടുത്തു പറഞ്ഞതിൽ ഞാൻ മെമ്പറിനോടു നന്ദി പറഞ്ഞു കൊള്ളുന്നു. ഇതുപോലെ നോക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ മറ്റു താലൂക്കുകാക്കും ഇത്തരം അസൌകര്യങ്ങൾ വരുത്തി വച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി നമുക്കു കാണാൻ കഴിയും. ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുടെ ആഫീസുകൾ അവരുടെ അധികാരാതൃത്തിയുടെ മദ്ധ്യഭാഗത്തു് സ്ഥാപിക്കണമെന്നായിരുന്നു ഉദ്ദേശമെങ്കിൽ തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തെ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസ് നെയ്യാറ്റുങ്കരയോ കഴിത്തുറയോ ആക്കേണ്ടതായിരുന്നു,

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്താൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുടെ ട്രാവലിംഗ് അലവൻസ് വളരെ കുറഞ്ഞു പോകുകയില്ലേ?

MR. M N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): ട്രാവലിംഗ് അലവൻസ് കുറഞ്ഞു പോകുന്നല്ലോ എന്നുള്ള ഭയം വാസ്തവത്തിൽ അധികൃതന്മാർക്കുണ്ടോ എന്നെനിക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. എന്നാൽ തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ഭൂമിശാസ്ത്രത്തെപ്പറ്റി അധികൃതന്മാർക്കുള്ള അജ്ഞതയെ ഓർത്താണ ഞാൻ ക്ഷുദ്രമായ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടുന്നത്. ഇത്തരം വിഷമതകളും സഹിക്കുവാൻ തീരെ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാതെ വന്നിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങളും ധാരാളം ഉണ്ട്. ഞാനിവിടെ പറഞ്ഞ ചെറിയ ഉദാഹരണങ്ങളും കൊണ്ട് ഈ സഭയ്ക്ക് ഇതിന്റെ വൈഷമ്യമെത്രത്തോളമുണ്ടെന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ കഴിയുമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. അതിനാൽ മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസു കോട്ടയത്താക്കിത്തരുകയോ, അല്ലെങ്കിൽ, കോട്ടയത്തുകാരെ ശിക്ഷിയ്ക്കാതിരിക്കത്തക്കവണ്ണം തിരുവല്ലാ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ അധികാരസീമയിൽ കോട്ടയത്തെ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തുകയോ ചെയ്യണമെന്നുള്ള അപേക്ഷയോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഹാജരാക്കിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*) : I strongly support the motion moved by Mr. M. N. Nair. The jurisdiction of the Division Inspector of Trivandrum extends from Cape Comorin to Shencotta, *i, e.* from the southernmost extremity of Travancore to the easternmost extremity. Kottarakara is far removed from Trivandrum and is very close to Quilon. The Inspector of Quilon is not able to inspect the schools at Kottarakara as it is not under his jurisdiction. The Divisional Inspector of Quilon has to overstep Kottarakara to inspect the schools of Pattanapuram taluk. This is indeed a very inconvenient arrangement. The managers and teachers of Kottarakara are put to difficulties on account of the transference of this taluk to Trivandrum Division. To expedite business, to cut down expenditure, the schools of Kottarakara should be transferred to the Quilon Divisional Inspector.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Sir, I rise to support the motion brought by Mr. M. N. Nair.

I think the re-arrangement of Inspectorate is working to the disadvantage of the State finances and to the efficiency of the administration of education. There were two Inspectors, one for Vernacular Schools and another for English Schools. The Statham Committee suggested that there may be two Divisional Inspectors. I think one of the grounds for this suggestion was the proposal for the amalgamation of the two types of schools into Anglo-Vernacular Schools. So the Statham Committee recommended two Divisional Inspectors. The present arrangement has created four Inspectors. It has increased the staff of the Department, and that appears to have been one of the grounds for asking for more staff in the Director's office. I could have understood the creation of the reformed Inspectorate according to the

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Statham Committee recommendation if that took place after the amalgamation of Vernacular and English Schools. I think that the present arrangement is bound to lead to much confusion in the working of the Department and the Director will have to complain that he is unable to cope with the work in his office as he has to inspect the inspection work of the four Divisional Inspectors. There is another anomaly. We have got the Inspectress of Schools whose jurisdiction is throughout the whole State. And the Assistant Inspectors are not allowed to inspect the Vernacular Middle Schools and the English Middle Schools for Girls. The Assistant Inspectress in the office of the Inspectress is given the right to inspect Vernacular Middle Schools and the Vernacular High Schools for Girls and I do not understand the working of the present arrangement. What I have to say is that there is absolutely no basis for the re-arrangement brought into effect with the additional expenditure of the State revenue. It is giving room for much complaint not only among the subordinates but also even in the work of the Inspectors themselves. So what I would suggest is that it would be better for the department to restore the old arrangement to have two Inspectors. If the Government are particular to bringing into effect the recommendations of the Statham Committee, let them bring into effect the whoe scheme and not piecemeal.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : മി. ഏ. എൻ. നായരുടെ ഉപക്ഷേപം സംസ്ഥാനമൊട്ടുക്കുള്ള ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറേറിന്റെ മുഴുവനും ബന്ധിക്കുന്നതാണോ, അതോ കോട്ടയത്തെമാത്രം സംബന്ധിക്കുന്നതാണോ എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽകൊള്ളാം.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : ഈ പ്രസംഗങ്ങളെല്ലാം കേട്ടതിൽനിന്നും മനസ്സിലായതനുസരിച്ച് സംസാരിച്ചാൽമതി.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ശരിയായിട്ട് മനസ്സിലാക്കാനാണ് ഞാൻ അതു ചോദിച്ചത്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : ഇനി ആരെങ്കിലും സംസാരിക്കുമ്പോൾ മെമ്പറിന് അതുപറഞ്ഞു നല്ലപോലെ അറിയാൻ കഴിയും.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I would suggest to the Honourable members who complain about the inconvenience to some of the Divisional Inspectors whose headquarters have not been made in such prominent towns as Kottayam or Tiruvalla, that I have distributed the jurisdictions of Inspectors not according to the geography of the State but according to the distribution of the schools all over the State. We have to allocate in each Division as far as possible an equal number of schools under the jurisdiction of a Divisional Inspector.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*) : May I know from the member the total number of schools under the Divisional Inspector of Trivandrum?

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): 72, I think. If you want geographical convenience, you have immediately to face the fact that a large majority of English Schools are in certain taluks.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): May I know from the member the number of Assistant Inspectors under each Divisional Inspectors?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): 6 or 7. What I was referring to was the number of schools under the personal responsibility of a Divisional Inspector.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether the number of schools is equal under each Divisional Inspector?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I rise to a point of order. The Honourable member was speaking in Malayalam: now he speaks in English.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He is in order. Yesterday, for the purpose of making long speeches, he sought my permission to speak in Malayalam. He knows English and is a Graduate of the Madras University. The member is in order.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): May I answer Mr. M. N. Nair? The number of schools under each Divisional Inspector varies from 68 to 74. The number of Vernacular Primary Schools in the jurisdiction of one Divisional Inspector and another Divisional Inspector is not equal. That is the reason why the number of Assistant Inspectors is not equally distributed under the Divisional Inspectors. I want to know from the members if there are any practical difficulties in relation to the present distribution of Divisional Inspectors. The present reorganisation is not so expensive as to bewilder anybody. I should like to tell the member that the total net cost of the reorganisation is only Rs. 8,500 which is considerably less than the cost of the proposals made in the Education Reforms Committee Report.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the Assistant Inspectors are permitted to inspect Vernacular Middle Schools for Girls?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No. Vernacular Middle Schools for Girls are inspected by the Women's Branch.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the Assistant Inspectors are permitted to inspect Vernacular Primary Schools for girls?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Vernacular Primary Schools for girls along with boys are inspected by the Assistant Inspectors.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Are the Assistant Inspectors allowed to inspect Vernacular High Schools and Middle Schools for girls?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have just said that the Assistant Inspectors do not inspect Vernacular Middle Schools and High Schools for girls.

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MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*) : May I know from the member why the Assistant Inspectress is considered competent to inspect Vernacular High Schools for girls while the Assistant Inspector for boys' schools is considered not competent to inspect Vernacular High Schools for boys?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I do not think that the Assistant Inspectress is competent to inspect Vernacular High Schools for girls. But it may happen that the Chief Inspectress inspects such schools with the assistance of the Assistant Inspectress.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the member read page 13 of the Financial Secretary's speech where it is stated

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You must modify that question, Mr. Asan.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I draw the attention of the member to page 13 of the Financial Secretary's speech where it is stated that "the Inspectress of Schools will have an Assistant Inspectress to inspect the Vernacular High Schools and Middle Schools for girls" ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I have already said, Sir, that it is not unusual for an officer who visits institutions to take his or her assistant particularly in the case of an officer who is not conversant with the Vernacular of the State.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : But the Vernacular High School is in charge of the Chief Inspectress.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Sir, I was going to make one point clear. Mr. Easwara Pillai spoke about the distance of the Division office from Kottarakara. I do not appreciate that complaint. In olden days from the town of Parur, if people wanted to see the Chief Inspector of Schools, they had to come all the way to Trivandrum. But Kottarakara is not far away from Trivandrum. The distance to Trivandrum is not very great.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*) : Is not Kottarakara closer to Quilon than to Trivandrum ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : So far as the visit to the head-quarters is concerned, there is very little room for complaint as compared with olden days, when to come over to the head-quarters we had to come all the way to Trivandrum. Those inconveniences have been largely remedied by the creation of four Divisional head-quarters. So I oppose the motion.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrm—Rural*) : Sir, on the question of the Inspectorate reform, I wish to say a few words. The number of Divisional Inspectors is a matter purely of administrative convenience : whether we should have two Inspectors or four Inspectors does not affect the question of real educational reform.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : I rise to a point of order. I wish to know whether the whole Inspectorate is open to discussion under this motion, which relates to the head-quarters of the Inspectors.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: No. Mr. Thanu Pillai can speak.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): But what I wish to draw the attention of the House to is the question of retaining the Inspectress. Sir, I fail to see why, after provision is made for four Inspectors, the Inspectress should also remain. The Primary Schools, according to the new arrangement, shall hereafter consist of a mixed staff of men and women. In the Inspectorate also, so far as the Assistant Inspectors are concerned, they will also consist of a mixed staff of men and women. So far as the Primary Schools are concerned, there is no difficulty according to the present arrangement in staffing the schools with men and women. There is no difficulty in the Inspectorate being composed of men and women. But I fail to see why, so far as the Vernacular Middle Schools and English Schools are concerned, there should be a distinction based on sex.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Now the motion as it stands deals with only people of one sex. The motion is to reduce the allotment for Inspectors by Rs. 5. To support your argument, you may mention, by way of analogy, the case of the Inspectress of Schools. There is another head for Inspectress. It comes lower down.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Of course that can easily be brought under this motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I do not permit the member to do so. Mr. Thanu Pillai can proceed with the argument on this matter. Though the word Inspector may generally mean people of both sexes, in this particular document the terms are used with distinct meaning.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are we concerned with the meaning of the word in the ruling?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Now I gave a ruling and the basis of that is not a matter for any member to raise. But because Mr. Sivatanu Pillai has raised the point, I am prepared to tell him that we go by certain forms in this House. There is the budget presented in the form of a statement. The terms which are used in that document are capable only of one meaning and not of two. That document makes a difference between Inspectors and Inspectresses.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I now proceed? Am I to take it, Sir, that the position is that I am not at liberty to discuss the whole Inspectorate under this motion?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I thought I made that clear——

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): I wish to know—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The motion is to reduce the allotment for Inspectors by so much. Not that you should not make any reference to Inspectresses, to support your argument, but you cannot deal with the question of Inspectresses under this motion.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Sir, I wish to make one point clear. According to me, it is not a matter beyond doubt

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whether we have come to that stage when we can have mixed staff and mixed Inspectorate with advantage. I think there are serious objections to that kind of arrangement. I do not propose to dwell on this point at greater length. We know that there was a time when all the schools were placed under male officers and then it was found necessary or at any rate desirable that a distinction should be made between the schools for boys and those for girls. Now we are going back to the old system not only with regard to the work of the inspection : but also we are going to effect changes even in the matter of staffing the schools. Hereafter we shall have men and women teachers in the same schools and also men and women Inspectors to inspect those schools. Since the step has been taken of amalgamating the schools and bringing them under common control, I doubt whether any purpose would be served by my making this suggestion. But I would make one suggestion for the consideration of the Director and the Government. We may try to staff certain schools entirely with men and other schools entirely with women : and if we are going to continue the Inspectress and Assistant Inspectresses, these Assistant Inspectresses may be placed under the Chief Inspectress and the schools fully staffed with women placed under their control and the schools fully staffed with men placed under the control of male officers. It may be argued that there would be practical difficulties in adopting this course, but these difficulties can easily be overcome. In each District, I would suggest, there may be certain areas where Primary Schools may be staffed with male teachers and controlled by male officers and certain other areas where the Primary Schools are staffed with women teachers and controlled by Assistant Inspectresses who will be under the Chief Inspectress. Now the arrangement proposed is that the Chief Inspectress will have jurisdiction throughout the State. Under such an arrangement, my suggestion can be easily accepted. In each District, there will be some schools fully staffed with women teachers and those schools will be under Assistant Inspectress and they can be placed under the Chief Inspectress. I do not see any difficulty in accepting the suggestion. I put this forward as a suggestion as well as a warning to the authorities so that, as time advances, they may not have to regret that they committed a mistake in staffing the schools and the Inspectorate indiscriminately with men and women.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*). രണ്ട് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാക്ക് പകരം നാല് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാക്ക് ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള നികുതി ഭാരം ജനങ്ങൾ കൂടുതലായി വഹിക്കേണമെന്ന് വന്നെങ്കിലും ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുടെ എണ്ണം രണ്ടു മാത്രമായിരുന്നപ്പോളത്തെപ്പോലെയുള്ള വിഷമതകൾ ജനങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിച്ചു കൊള്ളണമെന്നു പറയുന്ന സമാധാനം സ്വീകാര്യമല്ല. എന്നാൽ ഇക്കാര്യങ്ങളെല്ലാം രണ്ടാമതു പരിശോധിച്ച് വേണ്ടതു ചെയ്യാമെന്നു ഡയറക്ടർ പറയുന്നതിനാൽ ഞാൻ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻവലിച്ചു കൊള്ളുന്നു.

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

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Motion No. 56.

The following motion was not moved:—

MR. S. J. NAIR :

56. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,769 for Inspectress by Re. 1.

Motion No. 57.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. I would like to know whether this motion deals with a non-votable item. I want a ruling from the Chair.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : It is non-votable.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : In that case, I would like to have a ruling from the Chair. When the amount included is Rs. 5,769, it comes to a monthly salary of Rs. 480. I would like to know whether the salary of an officer up to Rs. 500 is within the privilege of the House to vote upon.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The appointment of an officer whose pay or whose maximum pay is Rs. 500 or above comes under, non-votable and here the maximum salary is Rs. 500.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : It is clearly non-votable.

The following motion was not moved:—

MR. K. R. ELENKATH :

57. To omit the allotment by Rs. 5,769 for Inspectress.

Motions Nos. 58 to 62.

The following motions were not moved:—

MR. K. R. ELENKATH :

58. To omit the allotment of Rs. 600 for Assistant Inspectress.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER :

59. To omit the allotment of Rs. 600 for Assistant Inspectress.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :

60. To omit the allotment of Rs. 600 for Assistant Inspectress.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

61. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,046 for Inspectress by Re. 1.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI :

62. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,046 for Inspectress by Re. 1.

Motion No. 63.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanacherry cum Peermade II*): നാട്ടുഭാഷാ വിദ്യാലയങ്ങളെ പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിനായി ഒരുതാനും ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരെ നിയമിച്ചതിനും പുറമെ പെൺപള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളെ പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി ഒരു ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസിനേയും നിയമിക്കുകയുണ്ടായല്ലോ. ഈ ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിന് ഒരു അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ആവശ്യമില്ല എന്നുപറയുന്നതിലേ

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ക്കുവേണ്ടി ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിന്റെ എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെന്റു ചെലവായ തുക ഒന്നാകെ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപം.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. The motion is to reduce Rs. 14,815. That includes non-votable items as well.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : He has been given permission to amend the motion and he has amended it to Rs. 9,046.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : സർ, നോൺ വോട്ടബിൾ തുക കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപം. ഈ ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിനു ഒരു പേഴ്സനൽ അസിസ്റ്റന്റുണ്ടായിരുന്നതു് കഴിഞ്ഞ ആണ്ടിൽ എടുത്തുകളഞ്ഞു. അതിനുപകരം ഈ ആണ്ടിൽ ഒരു അസിസ്റ്റന്റു ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സുവന്നിരിക്കുന്നു.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Raman Pillai, I wish to clear a doubt. Are you asking only for a reduction of Re. 1 or the reduction of the whole amount. That includes the pay of the Assistant Inspectress as well as the establishment.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) :ഞാൻ ഈ വിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഇതിൽ കൂടുതലായൊന്നും പറയണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. അങ്ങനെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണങ്ങളെന്തെല്ലാമാണെന്നുള്ളതു ഇതിനകം എല്ലാവരും അറിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുമെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. അസിസ്റ്റന്റു ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സും പടെയുള്ള ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിന്റെ എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെന്റു മുഴുവൻ കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I support Mr. Raman Pillai's motion.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I understand Mr. Raman Pillai is raising a point of policy. But his motion is for the omission of the entire amount. On that a question of policy does not arise.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : But the Government members did not object to his motion.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : ഒരു സാധാരണമേ എനിക്കു പറയാനുള്ളൂ. ഈ ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സുതന്നെയും ആവശ്യമില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടാണ് അവരുടെ എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെന്റും ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്. അവരെ ഡയറക്ടരുടെ അസിസ്റ്റന്റായി അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ആഫീസിൽതന്നെ വച്ചുകൊള്ളട്ടേ. പെൺപള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളുടെ മേൽനോട്ടംകൂടി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാർക്കു കൊടുക്കട്ടെ. അപ്പോൾ അസിസ്റ്റന്റു ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സുംപടെയുള്ള എസ്റ്റാബ്ളിഷ്മെന്റിന്റെ ആവശ്യം ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതല്ല.

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MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : So, now he has made his position clear that his object is to discuss on this motion a point of policy. If his object is to omit the pay of the Assistant Inspectress alone *i. e.* to reduce the amount of a votable item, he might be allowed to make the motion.: But he, must show that this Rs. 9,045 can be reduced on the grounds of economy. No policy can arise here. It is a specific cut.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The difficulty suggested itself to me, and I asked Mr. Raman Pillai what was his object in making the motion and from the Government side no objection was raised. So I allowed him to make the motion. You have already made the motion, Mr. Raman Pillai ?

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkeezhu cum Neyyattinkara II*) : Yes. I made the motion, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I do not think that a motion once made can be ruled out. As far as possible the law will be complied with by speaking in such a manner that the rules are not contravened.

MR. T. P VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum III*) : സർ, ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിന്റെ അസിസ്റ്റൻറിനും അവരുടെ എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറിനും കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള മുഴുവൻ തുകയും കുറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള മി. രാമൻ പിള്ളയുടെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ പിന്താങ്ങുന്നു.

തിരുവിതാംകൂർരാജ്യത്തുമുഴുവനും ഗേൾസ്സ്കൂളുകളുടെ ഭരണംസംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിന്റെ അധികാരാതിർത്തിയിൽപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നു എന്നുള്ളതു നാം ഓർമ്മിക്കുന്നുണ്ടല്ലോ. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലുള്ള എല്ലാഗേൾസ്കൂളുകളും ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിനു പരിശോധിക്കേണ്ടതായിരുന്നകാലത്തുപോലും ഈ പോസ്റ്റിനൽ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഉദ്യോഗം വേണ്ടാ എന്നു കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റുസമ്മേളനത്തിൽ ഈ സഭതന്നെ തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിൽനിന്നും ഭരണവിഷയകമായി ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിന്റെ സഹായത്തിനു പേർസനൽഅസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നുള്ള തത്വം ഈ സഭയും ഗവണ്മെൻറും ഒരുപോലെ അംഗീകരിച്ചുപോയിട്ടുള്ളതായി തെളിയുന്നുണ്ട്. പോരെങ്കിൽ, ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറേറ്റ പരിഷ്കാരംമൂലം ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിന്റെ ജോലി വളരെ കുറഞ്ഞുപോയിട്ടുണ്ട്. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ആകെ 7 വർണ്ണാക്കുലർ മിഡിൽസ്കൂളുകളുള്ളതിൽ നാലിനും വെർണ്ണാക്കുലർ പ്രൈമറിസ്കൂളുകളാണ്. ഇവകളുടെ ഭരണവും പരിശോധനാധികാരവും ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വ്യവസ്ഥാനുസരണം ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിൽ സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്നില്ല. അവകളിലുള്ളത് ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിനു പരിശോധിക്കുവാനുള്ളത് 3 മലയാളം ഗവൺമെൻറ് സ്കൂളുകൾ മാത്രമാകുന്നു.

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RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Will the Inspectress be competent to inspect Vernacular Schools?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): മലയാളഭാഷ അറിയാൻ പാടില്ലാത്ത ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്സ് ഇപ്പോൾ നടത്തിവരുന്ന പരിശോധന അനുസരിച്ചു ഈ സ്കൂളുകളെല്ലാം അവർക്കു നാമമാത്രംപരിശോധിക്കാം, അല്ലാതെ യഥാർത്ഥമായി പരിശോധിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ തെ പക്ഷം, പാടില്ലായിരിക്കാം. ഇനിയും ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് ഗവൺസ്കൂളുകളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുനമുക്കുആലോചിക്കാം. നു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറൽ സ്കൂളുകളും നു ർ ഏയിഡഡ് സ്കൂളുകളും നു അൺഏയിഡഡ് സ്കൂളുകളും ഉൾപ്പടെ അകെ ർനു ഇംഗ്ലീഷ ഗവൺ സ്കൂളുകളാണ് അവർക്കു പരിശോധിക്കുവാനുള്ളതു്. ഇങ്ങനെ അകെക്കൂടി അവർക്കു ർ റ സ്കൂളുകൾ പരിശോധിക്കുവാനുണ്ടു. ഈ സ്ഥിതിക്കു മുമ്പു ചെയ്യേണ്ടിയിരുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ വളരെ ലഘുവായ ജോലിയേ ഇപ്പോൾ ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്സിനു ഉദ്യോഗസംബന്ധമായി ചെയ്യേണ്ടതായിട്ടുള്ളു.

ഇതിനുംപുറമേ മുമ്പില്ലാതിരുന്ന ഒരു സൌകര്യവുംകൂടി ഇപ്പോൾ അവർക്കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടു്. മുമ്പു അതു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്സുകളുടെ ആഫീസുകൾപരിശോധിക്കേണ്ട ഗൌരവതരമായ ഒരു ചുമതലകൂടിഅവർക്കുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ഇപ്പോഴാകട്ടെ, ആ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്സുകളെ ഡിവിഷൻ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരാണു് പരിശോധിക്കയും ഭരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതു്. ഇങ്ങനെ ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്സിനുള്ള ജോലി ഇപ്പോൾ വളരെ ചുരുങ്ങിപോയിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതിനാൽ ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്സിന് ഇപ്പോൾ ഒരു അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസിന്റെ ആവശ്യംതന്നെയില്ലെന്നു നിശ്ചയമായി നമുക്കു വിശ്വസിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. ഈ കാരണങ്ങളാൽ സഭയുടെ ആലോചനയ്ക്കായി ഹാജരാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ ശക്തിയായി പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I support the motion. It can be found, from the Administration Report of the Education Department for 1108, that the number of girls under instruction in 1108 was 2,46,633 against 2,36,934 in 1107. This shows an increase of 10,759 in the case of girls under instruction. Of this 1,62,798 or in other words about 66 per cent. of the girls under instruction are attending the institutions for boys. In the face of this admission on the part of the Government, *viz.*, a majority of the girls are attending the boys schools and at the same time the Assistant Inspectresses and the male Assistant Inspectors are permitted to inspect the Vernacular Primary

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[Mr. S. J. Nair.]

Girls' Schools as well as Vernacular Primary Boys' Schools alike and also for the reason that this House, last year, this time, has unanimously resolved on the abolition of the Personal Assistant to the Inspectress of Schools, it is highly necessary that the Assistant to the Inspectress—

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Torala*): Was a resolution passed in this House last time?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): The House resolved, I said, and not a Resolution passed, that the Personal Assistant to the Inspectress of Schools shall be abolished during last Budget time; and it appears that it is as a sort of defiance of the decision of this House that the present Assistant to the Inspectress was newly created. There is no necessity for this at present.

In this connection, may I refer to the Chair a doubt whether I would be permitted to speak about educational need of my taluk, under the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I hope you have no objection to change the word 'defiance' into "disregard"?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I correct it as "disregard."

Are we permitted to speak about the local needs in this connection, so far as my taluk is concerned?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are not permitted to speak on the local needs in this connection?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Thank you, Sir.

The expenditure involved in the working of the reformed Inspectorate is considerable. But with regard to my constituency which comprises 1/7th of the area of the whole of Travancore, the money spent there in connection with the education of our children is negligable. There is only one Vernacular Middle School for girls in that taluk and that school is conducted in a rented building for the last two years.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That question does not arise at all.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I have already got the permission of the Chair, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am sorry that permissions are sought in matters for which no permission can be given. Permission once given should be utilised with due discretion.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): I oppose the motion. It seems that some sort of misunderstanding exists among some members about the appointment of the Assistant Inspectress of Schools. During the last year's budget discussion, the question of Personal Assistant to the Inspectress was thoroughly discussed and that post was abolished. And it is said that the same post has been created with some other

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name. Sir, my submission is that all this is really due to some misunderstandings. According to the reformed Inspectorate, there are four Divisional Inspectors and there are Assistant Inspectors under them. Just in the same manner, there is one Assistant for the Inspectress of Schools. The offices of the Inspectress of Schools and of the Assistant Inspectress are housed in one and the same building and yet they are different.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member her designation? Is it Assistant Inspectress or Personal Assistant to the Inspectress of Vernacular Schools ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know from the member whether there is any difference between the designations "Assistant to the Inspectress" and "Personal Assistant" ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The member is not bound to interpret the terms for the benefit of anybody.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്സിനു പകരം ഫയലുകൾ ഒപ്പിടാനുള്ള അധികാരം ഈ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്സിനുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : ഇല്ലെന്നാണു ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN (*Nominated*) : പ്രൈസനൽ അസിസ്റ്റൻറിൻറെയും അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസിൻറെയും ജോലി ഒന്നുതന്നെയാണോ?

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : അല്ലെന്നാണ് ഞാനിതുവരെ പറഞ്ഞതിൽനിന്നും മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടത്.

The Assistant Inspectress and the Inspectress are doing entirely different duties. The Assistant Inspectress for the Vernacular Middle Schools for girls and English Schools for girls is placed under the Inspectress of Schools. She assists the Inspectress only in her inspection work. She is not assisting the Inspectress in her office work. And by holding her office in the same building, it does not mean that she is the Assistant to the Inspectress or that she is her Personal Assistant.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What are the functions of an Assistant Inspectress ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I do not think that the member is justified in answering such questions. Explanations which are very well known are not necessary.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): My point is this. According to the reformed Inspectorate, there is an Assistant Inspectress and there is no reason why that post should be abolished. An Assistant Inspectress well versed in Malayalam would be of great help to the Inspectress when she is doing the Inspection work. The Assistant Inspectress is a lady graduate well versed in Malayalam language and who has got sufficient experience.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Vedumangad*) : Why not another lady graduate who is senior in service be appointed ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That question does not arise.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : One more point, Sir. I am not going to elaborate this point at any length. There is absolutely no reason why the Inspectorate reforms should not be given a fair chance to justify itself before these criticisms are advanced. Why not we wait for another year and see the results ?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Sir, I oppose the motion on the main ground that I do not understand what the Honourable member the mover meant by his motion ; nor do I understand anything from what Mr. Sankaran the opposer has said. When I was trying to follow very closely the trend of the debate and the meaning of the interruption from the mover, with regard to the abolition of the post of the Assistant Inspectress, I was reminded of the case of giving the dog a bad name and hanging it. The motion is in regard to the functions of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools and her Assistant Inspectress and whether the latter post is desirable or not. What is the peculiarity about this Assistant Inspectress alone who works under the Inspectress as compared to the other Inspectresses under the Divisional Inspectors? She does not appear to draw more pay or to obtain any seniority by virtue of this function. The Director himself, while answering a question, said that this Inspectress, in regard to vernacular institutions, accompanied the Inspectress for inspection, for the simple reason the latter does not know fully the Vernacular. It is after all a piece of, so to say, humanitarian service to her superior. This post and function certainly cannot be likened to that of Personal Assistant. Then why should we say that it is a Personal Assistant in the garb of Assistant Inspectress and then condemn the post because we condemned it before ? I am not at all convinced of the case as made out by the mover and hence I oppose it. But in this connection I wish to point out that it may prove to be highly necessary that an officer who is efficient and who knows Malayalam should accompany the Inspectress during her tours of inspection. Under these circumstances, I do not understand what is meant by the suggestion of the mover. Anyhow Mr. Sankaran has pointed out that it is not necessary to abolish this post and I also go along with him.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I oppose this motion and I would speak a few words on the merits of this motion. The salary of the Inspectress is a non-votable item and the establishment charges come to about Rs. 9,000 being the pay of Assistant Inspectress, the Peon, the Anchal charges etc., and what is sought by the motion is that this whole allotment should be done away with. The House has got the power to do so. But the salary of the Inspectress is there, and if you do not vote for the establishment charges, does it not create an anomaly.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Already there is a motion which is not allowed, for omitting the whole allotment.

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MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The actual motion is to omit Rs. 9046—which comprises the pay of the establishment the Assistant Inspectress etc., I am submitting, Sir that there is no token motion to suggest the abolition of the Inspectress of Schools. There was a token motion. That motion was not moved. It may be assumed there fore that the question whether the establishment charges, the travelling allowances etc. should be allowed is the only question to be decided. I need not now argue that this establishment is necessary. No speaker told us that the establishment and the Assistant Inspectress are quite unnecessary or that the Inspectress can do all the work of the subordinates too. That being so, Sir, I oppose the motion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the Law Member whether this motion is allowable ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member cannot ask such questions.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the Law Member whether the intention of the motion is not to say that the Inspectress should not do touring ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know from the Law Member whether the observations made by the Law Member are going to be answered ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: No such presumption arises.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): The point suggested by the Law Member seems, since we could not attack the position of the Inspectress because her salary is beyond the purview of the rights of this House, we are not justified in moving any of the reduction motions. It has been the practice of this House and also of the other House for the non-officials to remark about their disapproval of the appointment of an officer by moving for a cut under their T. A. or by clipping the tail and thus effecting a reduction in the establishment charges, for instance, of daily allowance and other charges.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We are not at the question of precedents.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): With the above observation, I say and emphatically answer that it was as a sort of retaliatory measure adopted by this House that they were moved to cut down so much portion of the amount allotted to this. It is a retaliatory measure; I think it is not a remedy.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The rules do not contemplate retaliatory measures.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Certainly I wish to withdraw. Therefore we would rather that she enjoys the pay allotted to her for the year than receive one pie more than is spent either upon her travelling allowance or upon her establishment. She remains quiet then without her being allowed to move about.

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The position is that under the reorganisation there are 146 women's institutions consisting of Vernacular Middle Schools for girls, Vernacular High Schools for girls, Training Schools for women, English Middle Schools for girls and English High Schools for girls.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : How many English Schools are there under the Inspectress ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : 42.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : And how many Training Schools are there under the Inspectress ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Six.

Those schools have to be inspected. The only question is how it is to be done Under the old scheme there were an Inspectress and six Assistant Inspectresses but now there is the Inspectress and one Assistant Inspectress. There are 146 institutions to be inspected. Government consider it necessary that the Chief Inspectress should be responsible for the inspection of Girls' High Schools, Girls' English Middle Schools, Girls' Training Schools and the Girls' Vernacular High Schools.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know what made Government not to entrust the Divisional Inspectors with the inspection of Girls' English Middle Schools and Girls' High Schools ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : For the obvious reason that as Boys' High Schools are not to be inspected by women officers, Girls' High Schools also are not to be inspected by men officers.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Are not Primary Schools entrusted to Assistant Inspectors who are lower in status than Divisional Inspectors ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I cannot see why a four-class Primary School may not be inspected by an Assistant Inspectress. There is a lot of difference between a four-class Primary School and a Girls' High School.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether that difference is in the matter of age of the students or the pupils ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I do not fully understand the question. In any case, the difference in age is certainly with the pupils.

But my own reason is that there is much difference in the curriculum of studies.

There are 95 Vernacular Middle Schools for girls which have also to be inspected. It was considered, therefore, necessary that there should be one Assistant Inspectress left under the control of the Chief Inspectress to conduct inspection of all these Vernacular Middle Schools for girls. May I also say, Sir, in reply, that I never suggested

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for one moment that the Assistant Inspectress should always accompany the Chief Inspectress? That is not her duty.

Mr. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I did not say it is the main duty of the Assistant Inspectress to accompany the Chief Inspectress. I only said that on occasions it might be necessary for the Assistant Inspectress to accompany the Chief Inspectress.

Mr R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It would be impossible for one officer, let alone the lady officer, to inspect all the 146 institutions scattered throughout the State in the course of one year or to visit them at least once.

As I have explained at the outset, there are too many institutions to be inspected by one officer; and for that reason alone an Assistant Inspectress was appointed to assist the Chief Inspectress to inspect the Vernacular Middle Schools. If you take the number of schools now allotted to the Divisional Inspector, as I have already shown, it is between 67 and 74. One can hardly expect the Chief Inspectress who has jurisdiction over the whole State, as distinguished from the Divisional Inspectors, to inspect twice as many institutions as a Divisional Inspector has to inspect.

Mr. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is the Assistant Inspectress helping the Chief Inspectress in her office?

Mr. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Assistant Inspectress has a separate office establishment distinct from the establishment of the Chief Inspectress. It so happens, I believe, they are located in the same building, a system that helps the work. She has her own office as distinct from that of the Chief Inspectress.

Mr. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether there cannot be effected a separation?

Mr. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): If that would please the Honourable member, it may be so done. I believe that a strong case has been made out for the retention of the Chief Inspectress and the Assistant Inspectress and I strongly oppose the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Do you press the motion, Mr. Raman Pillai?

Mr. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള പരാതികൊണ്ടാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം കൊണ്ടുവന്നത്. അതിനെ ശരിയായി പരിഹരിച്ചു കൊള്ളാമെന്ന് ഡയറക്ടർ പറയുന്നതു കൊണ്ട് ഭാവിയിലെങ്കിലും നിഷ്പക്ഷമായും മര്യാദയായും ചീഫ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ് പെരുമാറുന്നതിന് ഡയറക്ടർ പ്രത്യേകം ശട്ടംകെട്ടുമെന്നുള്ള ഉത്തമവിശ്വാസത്തോടുകൂടി —

Mr. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): അങ്ങനെ ഇൻസ്പെക്ട്രസ്സിനെകൊണ്ടു ചെയ്യിച്ചുകൊള്ളാമെന്നു ഡയറക്ടർ സമ്മതിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI(*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): ഡയറക്ടർ അങ്ങനെ ചെയ്യുമെന്നുള്ള ഉത്തമ വിശ്വാസത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻവലിച്ചു കൊള്ളുന്നതിന് അനുവാദം ചോദിക്കുന്നു.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it the member's opinion that the Director has undertaken that the Inspectress will be more courteous in her dealings with people?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That question need not be answered.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 64

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With the permission of the President, may I move motion No. 64?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Is it not identical with No. 63?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is identical.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Mine is for a cut of Re. 1, not for deleting the whole allotment.

May I know whether I may be permitted to point out the local needs also under this motion?

DUPUTY PRESIDENT: I must strongly express the opinion of the Chair that these requests for information are not at all justified by the rules. The Chair presumes that every member knows the rules of debate. A member cannot expect legal advice in these matters at every stage. You may proceed with the motion.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I move:

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,046 for the Inspectress by Re. 1.

I move this motion with a view to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned, rather the Director of Public Instruction as well as the Government, the pitiable state of girls' education in Nedumangad taluk.

Sir, as far as the Nedumangad taluk is concerned.——

DUPUTY PRESIDENT: That cannot be done. You may refer to Nedumangad to substantiate your point, that is all.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Even though the Inspectorate reform has been adopted and instead of the two Inspectors and one Inspectress, four Divisional Inspectors and one Inspectress and one Assistant to the Inspectress have been created in order to promote education in the State, nothing substantial for advancement of literacy in the State has been done. The money allotted for the department for the purpose of education is utilised for the purpose of creating new appointments and for the purpose of paying the increment of salary for those who are employed in the Education Department. This is a sad feature so far as the Education Department in the State is concerned. The method of spending more and more money that is allotted for the development of

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education in the State in the way of creating new and novel appointments in the State and in order to pay higher salaries for the officers of the Department is not at all desirable More money should be spent for opening more and more new schools and spreading education.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI *(Trivandrum-Rural)*: A point of order, Sir. Does that come under the motion?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I did not hear you.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI *(Trivandrum-Rural)*: I did not hear what the Chair said.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What the Chair said and intended to say was that, if Mr. Thanu Pillai has to raise any point, the Chair must be given reasonable opportunity to hear the statement.

I am very sorry that the member could not hear me. I think Mr. Thanu Pillai was standing up and raising a point of order. I wanted to know what it was.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI *(Trivandrum Rural)*: What I meant to say was that Mr. S. J. Nair was talking of increased expenditure by the creation of appointments and all that. This motion relates only to the allotment for Inspectresses. My point of order is whether he can discuss that matter on this motion.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI *(Quilon I)*: Sir, a point of order. The time allowed——

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am at Mr. Thanu Pillai's point of order. When that is finished, I shall be very glad to oblige you. As for Mr. Thanu Pillai's point of order, I rule in favour of Mr. S. J. Nair that he was in order. He confined his speech to the directions given by the Chair, namely, that while he was not at liberty to make a specific point about a particular taluk, reference may be made in support of the argument.

The time allotted for the Demand is over.

Motions Nos. 65 to 130

The following motions lapsed on account of time-limit.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI:

65. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,69,745 for Controlling Agencies by Re. 1.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN:

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MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH:

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MR A. THANU PILLAI:

69. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,69,745 for Controlling Agencies by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR:

70. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,18,765 for Controlling Agencies by Re. 1

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MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI:
71. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,18,765 for Controlling Agencies by Re. 1.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:
72. To reduce the allotment of Rs 1,03,786 for His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Arts by Rs. 10.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:
73. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 81,372 for His Highness the Maha Raja's College for Women by Re. 1.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI;
74. To reduce the allotment of Rs 2,77,035 for Collegiate Education by Re. 1.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI:
75. To reduce the allotment of Rs 2,77,035 for Collegiate Education by Re. 1.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH:
76. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,77,035 for Collegiate Education by Re. 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:
77. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,77,035 for Collegiate Education by Re 1.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI
78. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,97,798 for Collegiate Education by Re 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
79. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,97,798 for Collegiate Education by Rs. 2.

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MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH:
81. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,97,798 for Collegiate Education by Rs. 2.

MR. K. SANKARAN:
82. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,98,561 for salaries establishment, etc., by Re. 1

MR. K. SANKARAN:
83 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,304 for establishment by Re. 1.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE:
84. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,200 for Vacation Lectures in Geography.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER
85. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,200 for Vacation Lectures in Geography.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI:
86. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,70,294 for English School Education by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI:
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MR. A. THANU PILLAI:
89. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,70,294 for English School Education by Rs 5.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:
90. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,70,294 for English School Education by Re. 1.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR:
91. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,70,989 for Headmasters and Teachers by Re 1.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI:
92. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,34,954 for Vernacular High and Middle School for Boys by Re. 1.

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MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI :
93. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 19,52,959 for Vernacular School Education by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR :
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MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE :
96. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 40,230 for Training Schools by Re. 1.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER :
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MR. K. MAHOMED :
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MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI :
99. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,291 for First Grade Pandits, etc by Re. 1.

MR. K. SANKARAN :
100. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,186 for establishment by Re. 1.

MR. K. MADHAVAN :
101. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,186 for establishment by Re. 1.

MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN :
102. To reduce ths allotment of Rs, 15,186 for establishment by Re. 1.

MR. K. SANKARAN :
103. To omit the allotment of Rs. 9,337 for Special School for Malayala Brahmins

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :
104. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,796 for Text Book Committee by Re. 1.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI :
105. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,796 for Text Book Committee by Rs. 10.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI :
106. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,796 for Text Book Committee by Re. 1.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR :
107. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,20,000 for Grants-in-aid to Vernacular Schools for Boys and Girls by Re. 1.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI :
108. To omit the allotment of Rs. 5,000 for contribution to the Boys Scout Association.

MR. K. SANKARAN :
109. To reduce she allotment of Rs. 5,000 for improvement of education of depressed class pupils and Muslim girls by Re. 1.

MR. K. SANKARAN :
110. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 48,664 for contribution to the Benares University and the Medical and Engineering colleges of Madras by Re. 1.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI :
111. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,51,397 for Miscellaneous by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR :
112. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,51,397 ror Miscellaneous by Re. 1.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH :
113. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Re 1.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI:
114. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Re. 1.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:
117. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
118. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Rs. 2.

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MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI:
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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI:
122. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Rs. 10.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
123 To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Re. 1,

MR. K. C. ABRAHAM:
124. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Re. 1.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN:
125 To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Rs. 10.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:
126 To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Re. 1.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:
127. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Rs. 600.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI:
128. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 46,04,580 under Demand I by Rs. 7,75,574

MR. K. MAHOMED:
129. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 47,75,574 for Education by Re. 1.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put Demand I- Education—for Rs. 46,04,580, *minus* Re. 1 to the vote of the House.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND II—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Truscott, you may move for the grant of the Demand under II—P. W. D.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 36,01,731 for the Public Works Department.

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